

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Latin American Sport and Gender

SRM 290 (3 credits)

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Tentative Travel Dates: Early January | Estimated Travel Fee: \$2,500

Sample Itinerary

DAY 1 | Fly to Dominican Republic

Fly from Boston to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, check into hotel, orientation presentation, welcome dinner, overnight at hotel

DAY 2 | Spanish and DR Culture

Breakfast at hotel, Spanish lesson 1, guest lecture on culture of the Dominican Republic (DR), overnight at the hotel

DAY 3 | Baseball, Sugar Mill

Breakfast at hotel, baseball-themed full day excursion including: ImpACTA Kids Foundation, "Pitch, Hit & Run" activity with little leagues. ImpACTA is a charitable foundation created by Manny Acta, MLB manager, focused on providing opportunities for kids to achieve their dreams, both in the DR and the US, by emphasizing the importance of education, health and athletics. Tour Consuela Sugar Mill to learn the history and importance of sugar plantations in the region. Overnight at hotel

DAY 4 | Major League Baseball Academy

Breakfast at hotel, Spanish lesson 2. Tour Major League Baseball Academy to learn more about the connection between MLB and the DR, where over 30 MLB teams have baseball academies.

DAY 5 | Spanish and free time

Breakfast at hotel, Spanish lesson 3, tentative visit to UN Women Training Centre, free time to explore Santo Domingo the capital city of the DR. The 16th Century Colonial Zone is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Santo Domingo boasts the first street, cathedral, university and hospital in the Americas, but it is also a modern city with a population close to three million. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 6 | Santiago

Breakfast at hotel. Day trip to Santiago, a growing modern city which still retains a small town atmosphere. Traditional merchants, called marchantas, ride burros loaded with baskets of goods and call out their wares in a musical chant. Street vendors carry large baskets of fruit, vegetables, and other goods on their heads. Tour apparel factory as part of the Alta Gracia Project which is the first-ever apparel factory in the developing world to pay a living wage and demonstrate full respect for workers rights. Group lunch, return to hotel for overnight

DAY 7 | Museum

Breakfast at hotel, Museo Historia del Beisbal Dominicana, overnight at hotel

DAY 8 | Beach Day

Breakfast at hotel, enjoy a relaxing day at the beach, return to hotel for farewell dinner and overnight

DAY 9 | Fly to Boston

Breakfast at hotel, return flight to Boston

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