



**PUNTACANA Ecological Foundation
Costs and Benefits**

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| Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The volunteer must be 18 years or older to participate in any of our programs - Proactive - Organized |
| Costs | <p>2 weeks</p> <p>There are 2 options of housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rooms at Sustainability Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US\$950.00 Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Sustainability Center - Rooms at PUNTACANA Resort & Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 17 – Dec. 23: US\$1,500.00 • Dec. 24 – April 16: US\$1,900.00 Includes breakfast and dinner at the PUNTACANA Resort & Club and lunch at the Sustainability Center - Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US\$25.00 deposit per person for the ID (refunded at the end of the program) |
| Benefits | <p>Pick up to/from PUNTACANA International Airport (PUJ)</p> <p>Identification card</p> <p>Access to the PUNTACANA Resort & Club facilities (beach and pool area, gym, non-motorized water sports)</p> <p>Use of motorized water sports (costs must be covered by the volunteer)</p> <p>Access to the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Reserve and the PUNTACANA Marina</p> <p>Wireless access in the common area of the Sustainability Center and the Lobby at PUNTACANA Resort & Club</p> |
| Other | <p>The PUNTACANA Center for Sustainability is a tremendous resource for the PUNTACANA Ecological Foundation (PCEF), the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean. We are privileged to have this facility for a diverse range of research and education programs.</p> <p>We are also privileged that the PUNTACANA Resort & Club has dedicated resources and energy to allow research and education programs in Punta Cana and to use the hotel facilities.</p> |

Please keep this in mind throughout your stay in Punta Cana that participating programs are invited guests to the region and should try to project an image of respect and cultural awareness at all times.

It is critical to remember that participating programs are not paying guests of the hotel and they should behave as respectfully as possible at all times.

Use of PUNTACANA Center Facilities

The Sustainability Center is a valuable resource that serves as a research and education facility for numerous institutions and also as the main administrative building for the PUNTACANA Ecological Foundation. Please keep in mind that the Center is a work space for numerous people and treat others respectfully.

Volunteers are welcome to use the facilities (conference rooms, library, and computer rooms), please coordinate use with authorized personnel from PCEF.

Computers

The Sustainability Center has a number of available computers that coordinators and participants may use for work related activities. Coordinators have priority on computer use.

At no time should any music, illegal software, or illegal or illicit content be downloaded on the Sustainability Center computers. Any illegal downloads could lead to restricted use of computers.

Use of Resort Facilities

When walking, participants and coordinators should enter to the PUNTACANA Resort & Club by the employee entrance ("Puerta dos") directly across the main road from the Sustainability Center. Participants and coordinators should avoid entering the resort through the main reception area.

Participants are welcome to utilize the facilities and equipment of the Resort, they should have an identification cards and pay required fees as necessary.

Participants should not sleep on the beach, misuse resort equipment, sign tickets, or take ANYTHING from the hotel.

At no time should participants or coordinators take beach towels from the hotel.

Presentation

Please keep in mind that the PUNTACANA Resort and Club is, first and foremost, a business. While participants are welcome guests to the Resort, they are NOT PAYING CUSTOMERS TO THE RESORT.

Any time volunteers enter the hotel grounds, please dress respectably and have respect for customers and employees of the Resort. Any negative comments can jeopardize the future success of the PUNTACANA Center.

Food and Beverage

The PUNTACANA Center dormitory is equipped with large water bottles. Participants should use this as drinking water and as water for brushing teeth.

Participants are allowed to eat at the Resort restaurants at their own expense. All restaurants within the PUNTACANA Resort & Club (La Choza, La Cana, Mamma Venezia, La Yola, and Pizzeria Franco) will be paid for individually, in cash or credit card, by participants. Participants are highly encouraged to make reservations in advance. Call Guest Services to make restaurant reservations.

Participants can purchase soft drinks, soda, and snacks at the Employee's Club store across the street from the Sustainability Center or at the Hotel Bazaar store within the resort. There is also a grocery store at the "Cruce de Verón" on the way to Higüey and several grocery stores in Higüey and Bavaro.

Identification Cards

Each participant and coordinator at the Sustainability Center will be issued an identification card upon arriving to Punta Cana. This card should be on the person of students and coordinators at all times. For security reasons, this card will be absolutely necessary to enter the PUNTACANA Beach Resort. A fee of \$25 will be charged for any lost or replacement ID.

Room Keys

Each participant will be given a room key upon arrival. Volunteers are responsible for submitting all keys to an authorized representative of PCEF **BEFORE** leaving Punta Cana. A fee of \$25 will be charged for any lost or replacement key.

Phone Calls:

Participants are responsible for purchasing prepaid phone cards for any and all personal calls. Calling cards can be purchased at the Center reception or at the Employee's Club across the street from the Sustainability Center.

Mail

Dominican mail is highly unreliable; PCEF does not recommend sending anything of value by mail. Federal Express and other major mail services are available but can be quite expensive. The address is:

Fundación Ecológica PUNTACANA
Avenida Abraham Lincoln No. 960,
Ensanche Paraíso

Apartado Postal 1083
Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

Laundry

Washing facilities at the Sustainability Center are to be utilized by authorized staff of PCEF exclusively. Participants are not to utilize washing or drying machines at any time. Washing and drying cost per load (including soap) is \$US4.00. Participants should not hang their clothing outside of the building.

General Maintenance and Building Problems:

Please report maintenance problems within the Sustainability Center or dormitory (bathroom problems, lights, leaks, pests) to authorized staff via the Request for Service forms. Requests not submitted by Request for Service are far less likely to be attended to.