



CAYO LEVANTADO RESORT

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As the boat from Simi Baez approaches the island and the sea turns from dark blue to turquoise, you'll see the grand Victorian architecture of the hotel, built of pristine white wood and crowned with blue roofs. Numerous balconies, eaves, and gables are the hallmarks of the West Indian gingerbread structures to which the hotel pays homage. The resort incorporated an existing building that housed another hotel from the same ownership group, Grupo Piñero, but the current property has little in common with its predecessor. Instead, it has been completely transformed into a true luxury resort, something that is clear from the moment you enter the huge reception area and a personal ambassador welcomes you, explains everything you need to know about the hotel, and provides you with a rope-and-wood bracelet with a magnetic strip that serves both as a key to your room and a contactless card for all payment services. During your stay, your ambassador will always be at your service, just a WhatsApp call or text away.

Rooms

The hotel sits on 35 acres of landscaped grounds and has 218 Suites & Villas divided between the main building, villas (hidden among the lush foliage), and rooms on the beach. The decor varies: More tropical and colorful in the rooms set amid the giant ficuses, palm trees, and tropical vines, and more minimalist, with marine motifs, in the rooms overlooking the Caribbean. Regardless of their different styles, an abundance of space is the common denominator. The entry category of rooms (Junior Suites) measure 580 square feet while the largest, the spectacular Signatura Villa, is over 2,700 square feet. Additional room categories of varying views include Junior Suites with Plunge Pool, Beachfront Villas (adult-only), 1-Bedroom Villas, and 2-Bedroom Villas.

Pillars & Paths

Cayo Levantado Resort is centered on 3 pillars:

1. **Natural Rhythm:** A deep respect for the environment, focusing our expertise on ecological impact and sustainability, protecting the ecosystem, and preserving the flora and fauna of the island.
2. **Cultural Rhythm:** Celebrating all aspects of the Dominican culture such as gastronomy, music, dances, and most importantly, the people.
3. **Inner Rhythm:** Designed to promote the deepest personal wellness and balance with the mind, body, and spirit, facilitating self-discovery.

The Inner Rhythm displays four Wellness Paths that will help the guests connect with themselves during their stay. The paths are present in the entire guest journey from activities within the all-inclusive to a more personalized experience of 3, 5 and 7-day schedules.

1. Refresh: A specifically designed program of higher-intensity activities and various metabolic and cross-training programs. This path is perfect for all who want to energize and exhilarate.
2. Restore: Invites body revitalization through innovative solutions perfectly integrated into purposeful fitness training programs and therapies. This path offers optimum replenishment.
3. Relax: Encourages the release of stress. All activities invite a slowdown of the body quieting the mind. A combination of relaxation and mindfulness, nervous system recovery, heat therapies, and massage, make this path for guests wanting to elevate a sense of peacefulness.
4. Renew: Offers the opportunity to re-establish balance. A cleansing and transformational journey designed to remove limitations as well as release stagnant energy and feelings.

Wellness Facilities

Yubarta (the name means “humpback whale” in Taino, the Indigenous people of the Caribbean) is the spectacular wellness space at the heart of the resort. A bamboo archway invites guests to enter the complex designed to promote personal wellness, encourage a pursuit of balance in our lives, and facilitate a sense of harmony with the environment. Yubarta includes a huge pool in the shape of a whale that is flanked by palm trees, a meditation space, 4 palapas dedicated to specific activities, and a nature path. This space is an oasis of calm where mindful plunges in the cenote, tantra sessions, chakra meditation, shamanic cleansing, massages to the sound of Tibetan singing bowls, and tours of the botanical garden elevate the concept of wellness and personal development. Along with Yubarta, a wellness pool, Savia smoothie bar and Santa Yuca Slow food dedicated to the 4 paths.

Dining

When it comes to its gastronomic offerings, Cayo Levantado again breaks with the expectations we have of all-inclusive resorts. The property has six different restaurants, seven bars and one coffee shop all inspired by the best cuisine and mixology in the world, and with a strong emphasis on the rich Dominican cultural traditions and the freshest of local ingredients, all served in the most beautiful settings.

Destination Highlights

Guests will relax by one of the two pools at Cayo Levantado whether surrounded by the lush landscape or by the sea. Both offer chic and modern style and comfort for your leisure time. After a dip in the expansive pool by the sea enjoy the exceptionally stunning and exclusive natural beach. Our group enjoyed every moment we could spare to sit by the crystal-clear water, with some taking in the sun and others being shaded by the beautiful trees that line the beach. The activities hut offers snorkel gear, clear kayaks, paddleboards, beach bikes and more for guests to enjoy time on the water in the calm bay.

From mid-January to the end of March approximately 2,500 humpback whales visit Samana Bay to mate and birth. Along with seasonal whale watching boat excursions, ecotourism activities are available year-round including kitesurfing, hiking, caving, canyoning, horseback riding, and beach hopping.

Cayo Levantado is not just a hotel, but a new concept where a focus on wellness and emotional and mental health are as important as the typical pleasures one expects to enjoy at high-end hotels. Here you receive the benefits noted above with the local culture and sustainability always at the forefront of their offerings. WanderLuxe Destinations is proud to have this elevated island escape in our Collection. The advisors that joined our FAM unanimously agreed that this island is a gem for travelers looking for “a place like no other with a rhythm all its own”.