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NEW DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HOTELS

Isobel Turner selects five of the freshest properties in a destination that has attracted a record 10 million visitors this year



CAYO LEVANTADO RESORT

This island paradise is the only hotel on the idyllic Cayo Levantado island, also known as 'Bacardi Island' for its role in campaigns for the drinks brand. The resort opened in June and has 219 rooms and suites, including standalone villas with direct beach access. Wellness and sustainability are big focuses, and guests can unwind with a visit to the meditation temple or a rejuvenating treatment at the spa. There are also eco-tours showing the resort's coral reef restoration projects.

Book it: One week's all-inclusive in a Junior Suite starts from £3,446, based on two adults sharing and an arrival date of April 14, 2024. bahia-principe.com

JEWEL PUNTA CANA BEACH RESORT

Nestled among the palms of Uvero Alto Beach, this resort (which opened in December 2022) boasts 620 spacious rooms and suites, each with bright accents of colour. Swim-out rooms offer direct access to the sparkling free-form pool, where the Cana Bar serves colourful cocktails and refreshing juices throughout the day. There are two further pools, including one for children, plus 16 bars and a choice of restaurants, where fresh seafood, Asian cuisine and gourmet pizza are all on the menu.

Book it: Gold Medal offers 10 nights' all-inclusive from £1,689, including flights on May 27, 2024. goldmedal.co.uk



DREAMS FLORA RESORT & SPA

Expansive verdant gardens are the setting for this five-star resort, which opened its doors in spring this year. The 520 rooms and nine eateries feature tasteful natural hues, while the impressive open-air lobby is sheltered beneath a sprawling thatched roof. There are four pools, including an infinity pool, where panoramic ocean views can be enjoyed from the water, a lounge or a hammock.

Book it: If Only offers seven nights' all-inclusive from £1,879, including transfers and flights departing on May 4, 2024. ifonly.net

FALCON'S RESORT BY MELIÁ

Since it opened in March, Falcon's Resort has taken family fun to the next level with access to Katmandu theme park included for all guests. The park offers an epic 36-hole golf course, while the playful atmosphere continues at the resort's waterpark. There's also a private beach and outdoor pool, plus dining options that span local and international favourites, including steak and sushi.

Book it: One week's all-inclusive in a suite with two double beds costs £2,026.99, based on two adults and one under-12 sharing, checking in on May 11, 2024. melia.com



PICTURE: Meliá

JEWEL PALM BEACH

On the Dominican Republic's east coast, beachfront property Jewel Palm Beach, which opened in March, is just a few steps from the sea. Guests can take to the ocean to kayak and windsurf (all included), or relax beneath the swaying palms at one of the hotel's four pools. Each of the 500 suites features a balcony or terrace, while indulgence awaits at the spa, which boasts saunas, steam rooms and cabanas for beachfront massages.

Book it: Tui offers seven nights' all-inclusive from £1,610, including transfers, luggage and flights on December 5. tui.co.uk

