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CARIBBEAN & THE ATLANTIC

Tortuga Bay, Puntacana Resort & Club, *Dominican Republic*

 This exclusive new enclave within the Puntacana Resort & Club complex creates the home away from home that you wished you lived in. The 50 guest suites are contained within 15 sunny villas resembling small houses in a genteel development (with your own golf cart parked right outside). Even the smallest one-bedroom suite is vast, at 1,127 square feet. Decorated by Oscar de la Renta (who owns a home in Punta Cana) with rattan furniture and orange and white prints, the suites' Caribbean-cool interiors are easy on the eyes. French doors open onto a terrace that faces either a green lawn and the ocean beyond or the P. B. Dye-designed golf course. The crackerjack staff include a cheerful villa manager who will do practically anything you ask, as well as valets who whisk you through customs at the airport. Meals are memorable, whether at the Latin-Asian Bamboo, the closest restaurant, or on your own breezy terrace. **When to go:** January through March promises the best weather—sunny with little rain and relatively cool. **Which room to book:** Oceanfront junior suites have terraces from which to take in the water (809-959-2262; puntacana.com; doubles, \$590–\$950). 