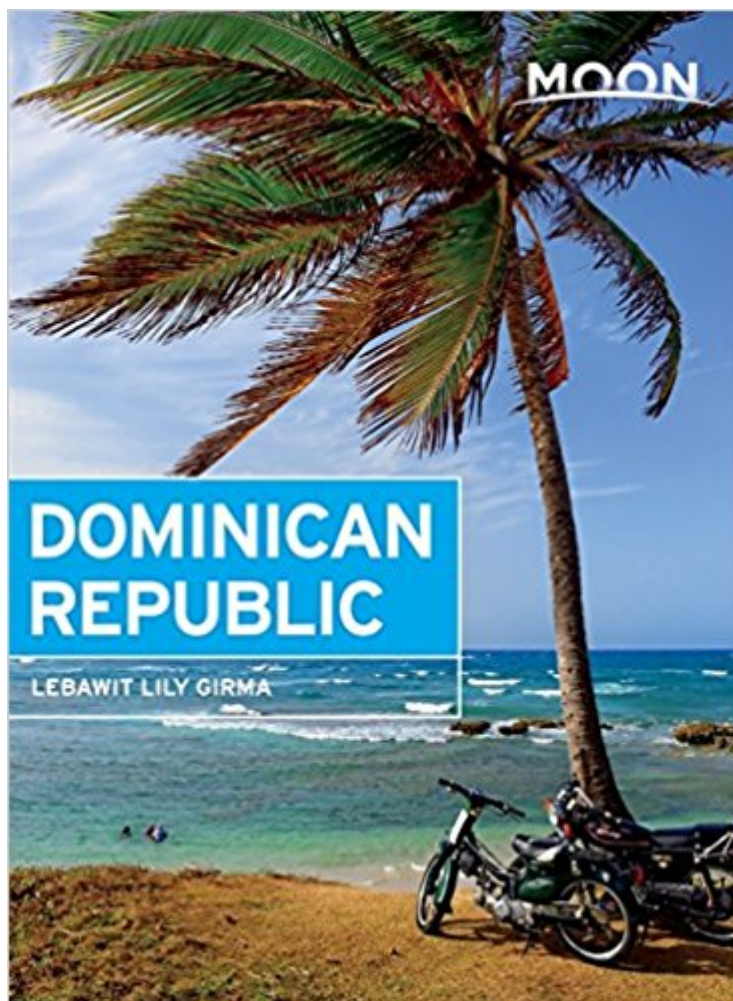


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# Moon Dominican Republic (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Frequent resident and world traveler Lebawit Lily Girma offers insider's tips along with a tourist perspective in *Moon Dominican Republic*. Girma covers the best of the Dominican Republic, including coverage of Puerto Plata, the Samaná Peninsula, Constanza, and Santo Domingo. Girma also offers intriguing sidebars about Dominicanisms, from *colmados* to traditional dances and syncretic beliefs. With unique and diverse travel strategies such as The Seven-Day Culture and Food Tour, finding the Best Beaches or adrenaline-pumping outdoor adventures, *Moon Dominican Republic* gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Award-winning travel journalist and photographer Lebawit Lily Girma was nine months old when her parents moved the family from Ethiopia to Côte d'Ivoire. She grew up and studied in francophile Africa, England and the United States, and fell in love with travel and exploring cultures. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law and practicing in Washington DC at a top US firm for several years, Lily took a leap of faith to pursue travel writing and photography. She focused on the Caribbean, a region she has now explored and loved for the past 10 years. The Dominican Republic, Belize and Jamaica kept her returning, including for long term stays. While writing and researching this edition, Lily spent a full year living in the Dominican Republic and traveled the entire country solo, in addition to her past visits. Her Spanish fluency helps her blend in like a local, finding those uncrowded spots that travelers crave and capturing the nuances of

Dominican culture. Her favorite region is the Puerto Plata coast, for its diverse landscape, cultural activities and proximity to the Cibao Valley. Lily's writing and photography on the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean destinations have been published in Sunday Times Travel Magazine, AFAR, Here & Beyond Magazine, CNN Travel, BBC Travel, MorningCalm Magazine, Every Day With Rachael Ray, The Travel Channel, New York Magazine, *Â American Way*, and others. She is also the 2016 recipient of the Marcia Vickery Wallace Memorial Award for Excellence in Travel Journalism, awarded by the Caribbean Tourism Organization and the Jamaica Tourist Board. When not living in the United States, Lily splits her time between the Dominican Republic and Belize.

This book is so much more than a travel guide. It's a comprehensive introduction to one of the Caribbean's most fascinating (and fun) islands, and has been invaluable to me in the last few months during my latest long-term trip. Lily's passion for the country is evident throughout the book, not only in her words but in her beautiful photos. I especially enjoyed the sections on the Samana peninsula and Santo Domingo. *Â friends came into town and this book helped me brush up on the history and the best things to do in the city. Even if you think you know the DR, this well-researched guide will help you discover something you never knew about, whether that's an under-the-radar spot to dine or a little-known aspect of the culture. The best part? Lily lives and travels in the DR, so you may even run into her on your trip.*

I can't believe I considered not purchasing Lebewit's Dominican Republic Moon Book. It was a week or so before traveling, and my husband had coordinated all the flights and our stay because I was in graduated school, and coming to the end of the school term where I teach. We were traveling to celebrate both our wedding anniversary and my graduation, and we had another couple joining us. Typically I like to pre-plan a few adventures, and leave time for some looseness in our schedule. It was a week or so before our trip and I began to get anxious about what we were going to do once we got there. He had arranged for us to stay at the beautiful Sublime Samana Resort in Las Terrenas, and when Lebewit's book arrived I was able to pick out what I wanted to see within reason- (we were there for 10 days), hike waterfalls, deep sea fish, meet locals, cook, eat, and play. We explored the Samana Peninsula with the help of our guidebook. The book is a wealth of information of where to stay, do and see in the DR. Our friends joined us from USA and Cuba, however their flight in the evening arrived after 9pm, and it is a 2.5 hr drive to Las Terrenas. We suggested they stay the night in Santa Domingo, so we cracked open Lebewit's book and suggested the first hotel she recommended in Santa

Domingo. I envisioned they could wake up and see a bit of Santa Domingo before the 2.5 hour drive to meet up with us in Las Terrenes. I grabbed the book and over the phone gave them information about hotels Lebowitz recommended. When they arrived in Las Terrenes they told us how much they loved the room and hotel and they would go back and stay again. So, next time we go back to DR my husband and I will stay at the same hotel. You really need 2-3 weeks or more to explore the entire island. I can't reference completely the names of places we went, because I gave the book to a travel photographer and blogger we met from England @oletahendricks who was planning to be there for several months exploring the island. If staying on the Samana Peninsula I would highly recommend the beach hopping tour she highlights in her book. It was the most breath taking scenery along the remote coastline and an opportunity to snorkel, but be careful of sea urchins. My husband and our friends were overjoyed with our stay. We also really appreciated learning more about the history of DR from her guide. I can't reference completely the names of places we went, because I gave the book to a travel photographer and blogger from England @oletahendricks who was planning to be there for several months exploring the island. We are talking about revisiting the DR, so I will be purchasing Lebowitz's guidebook again! I felt like having her guidebook was like having a friend leave you a lovely letter about an amazing place she loves. Thank you!

An absolutely excellent and highly informative guide with lots of very local tidbits, suggestions, and regional insights. Girma's style is a pleasure to read and well-organized chapters. Historical, cultural, and often with a local's perspective one gets a very clear picture of the DR, its inhabitants, wonders, and seemingly endless appeal. Essential reading for anyone planning to travel or move to the Dominican Republic.

This book is an entertaining and informative guide to the DR. We went to some of the restaurants, galleries and markets that the author recommended. The advice was outstanding. Because of this book, we learned about a nice resort, Emotions, that is about an hour away from Santo Domingo. Whether it's your first trip or your tenth trip, you'll appreciate the info and advice in this book.

Useful

This series (Moon) is great

This book was a god send when we were planning our trip in the Puerta Plata area. The book is up to date for all the activities and goings on.

Great guide, its has lots of updated useful information. All her food recomendations were excellent!

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