



## February 2020 Newsletter

### Hotel

We are offering vacations at specific hotels in our local tourist area in addition to our own hotel, which tends to get busy. The optional hotels do get expensive so our own hotel is often the best choice. We are seeking additional alternate hotels. However, our guests who have already returned for additional visits prefer the current hotel.

### Guest Requests

From time to time guests have what seem to be strange requests. For example companions who are not Dominican. In the past, I have denied requests from Russian girls to work for us. At the same time, guests have on occasion requested companion not permanently resident in RD. The problem with these situations is that it is difficult to say whether sex trafficking laws are being violated. I would rather not expose a guest to that kind of scrutiny. The situation is that many Dominican girls have at least one foreign boyfriend. When these guys travel to the RD they usually stay in tourist hotels. It is impossible to tell the marital/business status of a couple when they check into a tourist hotel.

### Airlines

We monitor the flights specified by our guests. Guests typically worry when their flight is delayed. The downside of a delayed flight is that we wait at the airport somewhat longer before the guest arrives. The problem with airline scheduling is that flights can and do arrive early. This means that the guest may wait for his pickup in the arrival area.

### No Tipping Policy

Our no tipping policy applies **only** to the **companions**.

**If hotel staff of any of our hotels have done a good job as I am sure they will, please consider the usual gratuity for persons employed in the hospitality industry in the Caribbean.**

*Carlos*