Off the Beaten Track: Dominican Republic

BUEN HOMBRE
This far-flung fishing village is now home to a kitesurfing camp, complete with rustic beachfront bungalows and a shallow, windy cove.

RESERVO CIENTIFICA VALLE NUEVO
You’ll need a 4WD to access this remote park with the coldest temps in the country. Situated on a high plain, fresh mountain air and beautiful vistas await.

CACHÓTE
Bathed in cloud forest – rare for a sun-drenched tropical island – these remote cabins are reached by 25km of impressively bad road that fords the same river a dozen times.

BAHÍA DE LAS ÁGUILAS
Reached via a near-deserted one-lane highway, a pot-holed secondary road and a spectacular boat ride, the DR’s most beautiful beach is as much about the journey as the destination.

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LOS PATOS
Stock up with gas and cash before you set out south of Barahona on the stunning drive to Paraíso. You’ll probably find this balneario (swimming hole) and polished-stone beach free of other tourists.

DOMINICAN TREE HOUSE VILLAGE
Tucked away in El Valle, this sustainable ecotourism project offers 19 tree houses open on three sides to dramatic tropical forest views.

PLAYA LIMÓN
North of Punta Cana, this far-flung beach is the antithesis of the resorts. Pass colorful colonias (settlements) and sugar plantations to discover these coconut tree-lined sands.