



Doing Business in Dominican Republic

Establishing Tourism Transportation, Vehicle & Safari Jeep Leases

I. Introduction

The establishment of Hotels in the Dominican Republic requires the assistance by qualified Dominican Legal Counsel that is certified to act before the Ministry of Tourism (MT), who will represent the petitioner and follow up throughout the tourism business license application process.

Dominican Tourism Regulations are updated every year and requirements often change without notice. The MT reserves its right to request additional information and short periods of time are provided to the requesting party to cure or satisfy any missing original documents or information in the form required by the MT.

Dominican Tourism license approval often depends on proper filing of legal documents proving Dominican legal entity existence, identification of owners, activities description, place, service level conditions, among others.

II. Dominican Tourism Transportation, Vehicle and Safari Jeep Leases Norm for Classification

Regulation 2119 of July 13, 2984 of Tourism Passenger Land Transportation, modified by Decree 817-03, regulates the necessary requirements to ensure the good functional order of the vehicles used for tourism transportation such as cars, taxis, minibuses and buses, and the planning and implementation of the transportation services related to ports, airports, hotels and Dominican attraction sites for local and foreign tourists.

Tourism Passenger Transportation is defined by the regulation as "the use of the public road by national and foreign tourists in specific vehicle units to go to hotels, restaurants, airports, sea ports, beaches, rivers, lakes, amusement parks, tourism and ecotourism places and zones."

Bus, Safari Jeep and vehicle lease companies (Rent-a-Car) must have an Operating License issued by the Ministry of Tourism in order to offer tourism transportation services, renewable annually.

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