

A *Local Tourist*

Hi, I'm from the Dominican Republic, just like Fátima. Living in a country with a marine sanctuary is awesome! This is my second time visiting the sanctuary this year. Maybe we will get to see all the manatees this time. What are you most excited about doing on your trip here?



EVEN

A *Local Tourist*

Hi, I'm from the Dominican Republic, just like Fátima. I grew up here, and I am so excited because my best friend was granted permission to have her wedding in the buffer zone of the marine sanctuary. Hopefully, we will get a glimpse of the manatees during our visit. What are you most excited about doing on your trip here?



ODD

B

Foreign Tourist

I'm a tourist from the United States. And I am so excited to visit the Dominican Republic for the first time! I did lots of research and decided to visit here just to see the wildlife, especially the birds and the manatees. I enjoy supporting ecotourism! Let's check out the food here.



EVEN

B

Foreign Tourist

I came to party! I'm a tourist from the United States, and I'm here for my friend's epic 21st birthday. I don't know anything about this country, but I can't wait to have a fun time! Let's check out the food here.



ODD

C

Restaurant Owner

Welcome to Ensenada! I'm your favorite chef! We collect wood from the dry forest to make fire and cook delicious food in our authentic stove ovens. Dinner will be ready for you when you come back from your tourism activities. Listen up! I think the tour operator wants your attention!



EVEN

C

Restaurant Owner

Welcome to Ensenada! I'm your favorite chef! We use nature-friendly alternatives, so we don't need to collect as much wood from the dry forest to cook food in our stove ovens. We want the dry forest to remain green and healthy as we make you some healthy meals. Dinner will be ready for when you come back from your tourism activities. Listen up! I think the tour operator wants your attention!



ODD

D

Tour Operator

Come over here, everyone! I will be leading your tour today. We are ready to start the day with some amazing conservation-focused activities for you in this tourism package. Please remember to respect animals in their natural habitats. Captain, are we ready to board the boat?



EVEN

D

Tour Operator

Come over here, everyone! I will be leading your tour today. Today we will be traveling between Cayo Arena and Ensenda. Hold on tight and try not to get seasick as we speed through the mangroves. Captain, are we ready to board the boat?



ODD

E

Boat Captain

I've got the boat ready, and it looks like clear skies and calm waters today! We should be able to see the manatees today without disturbing them or getting too close to their protection zone. Fishermen, how is it looking?



EVEN

E

Boat Captain

Oh no! We have rough waters today. It might be dangerous to carry out the tour. Oh well, I'm an adventurous boat captain and we will just hope for the best. Hopefully we won't hurt any manatees. Fishermen, how is it looking?



ODD

F***Fisherman 1***

It looks like the weather is clearing. With clear skies, I can do what I love: fishing and diving to support my family. I have been out here since 2 o'clock this morning and I saw lots of manatees. What do the other fishermen think?

***EVEN*****F*****Fisherman 1***

It looks like it is getting cloudy. With cloudy weather, I can't risk my life by fishing and diving into the sea. Instead, I usually leave gillnets behind and remove them the following day to avoid disturbing the manatees too much. What do the other fishermen think?

***ODD***

G

Fisherman 2

It's looking good today! We got an early start to set up our gillnets in the ocean. As part of the Fishermen Association, I am glad I can fish with my crew. We try to avoid using gillnets in the lagoons, though. Okay, we're ready to visit the sanctuary. There's the ranger getting ready to welcome us!



EVEN

G

Fisherman 2

Hey crew! Let's avoid going to the lagoon too late in the day. I am afraid of bumping into a manatee again. They really freak me out and I do not want to harm them. Okay, we're ready to visit the sanctuary. There's the ranger getting ready to welcome us!



ODD

H

Sanctuary Ranger

Welcome to the sanctuary! Thank you for supporting our livelihood. I am a fisherman, so I know these waters very well. I wish I could do this job full-time, but just between you and me, I make 10,000 pesos (that's about 185 US dollars) for an entire year of work as a ranger. Hey, there is my friend, the guide! Everyone, I would like to introduce you to the most amazing guide in the marine sanctuary!

EVEN



H

Sanctuary Ranger

Welcome to the sanctuary! It is so great to see that only registered tour leaders are here. My salary is not high, but protecting the manatees is very important to me, so I make things work with many jobs. I wish it wasn't such a struggle, though. Hey, there is my friend, the guide! Everyone, I would like to introduce you to the most amazing guide in the marine sanctuary!

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Environmental Guide

Hi Ranger! It's great to see you again! I would like to thank all the tourists for supporting my work here at the marine sanctuary. I love showing you the beauty of my country, and a portion of the ticket you purchased helps me to support my family through this work. If I didn't have this job as an environmental tour guide, I would probably be a fisherman. We have a wonderful community here. Say "Hi" to the farmer over there!



EVEN

Environmental Guide

Hi Ranger! It's great to see you again! It's a great day to be out on the water! We have a very interesting group of tourists today and I am so glad you are here to help us make sure the manatees are in good condition. I am very proud to be one of only three guides that have been certified by the Ministry of Tourism and I am happy to give you a wonderful tour today. We have an amazing community of wildlife and of people here. Say "Hi" to the farmer over there!

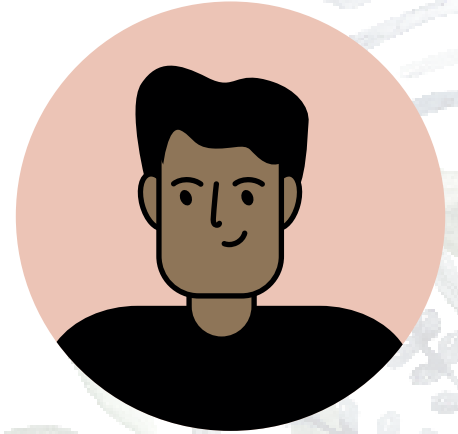


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J

Farmer

Looks like another tour group over there. We see a lot of them this time of year, but I prefer the ecotourism operators because they do a better job of caring for the land and water. I'm a farmer and I am so relieved that we are no longer in a drought. The rain has helped my tobacco crops thrive and I'm glad I don't have to use chemical fertilizers or pesticides to help the plants grow. Someone else who understands the struggle of having a business on this island is this guy, the developer. The developer sure looks excited about something!



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Farmer

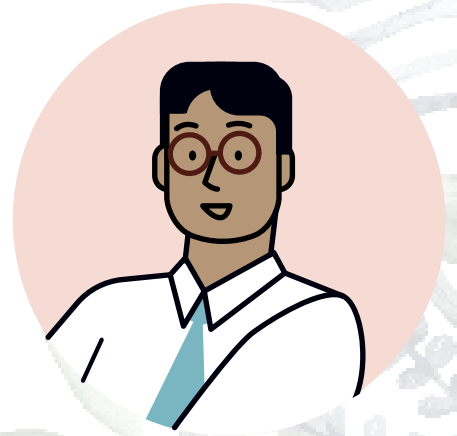
Looks like another tour group over there. We see a lot of them this time of year. I'm a farmer and I'm worried that the tobacco plants don't seem to be doing well. We haven't had enough rain this year. I will have to use chemical fertilizers to help them grow. It also seems like the plants are being eaten by insects, so I probably need to spray more pesticides to kill those pests. Someone else who understands the struggle of having a business on this island is this guy, the developer. The developer sure looks excited about something!



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K *Developer*

I am so happy these construction permits are in place to protect wildlife! I want to make sure I only use construction materials that will not harm wildlife and respect the restricted areas. I feel like I am doing the right thing for future generations. Speaking of which, it's time to take my child to school.



EVEN

K *Developer*

I am so frustrated!! My vision is to build beautiful beachfront houses, but these permits will not let me keep constructing. Hopefully, I will be able to build in the buffer zone if I fight hard enough against the environmentalists. I need to support my family like everyone else! Speaking of which, it's time to take my child to school.



ODD

L

School Teacher

Welcome to school, students! I'm your favorite teacher! This week we are covering the topic of life in the ocean. I know many of you are part of the fishing industry and have talked to us about the life at sea you have observed. Today we are lucky to have a visit from a panel of experts from the marine sanctuary. Let's start by hearing from the oyster collector.

EVEN**L**

School Teacher

Welcome to school, students! I'm your favorite teacher! This week we are covering the topic of life in the ocean. We need to do a better job of protecting marine life and not being so destructive and disrespectful! Today we are lucky to have a visit from a panel of experts from the marine sanctuary. Let's start by hearing from the oyster collector.

ODD

M

Oyster Collector

Hello, students! If you ask me, the morning is the perfect time to paddle board through the lagoon and collect oysters! I hope we get to see Tomás the manatee today. At least that's what I call him. Let's ask the conservationist if he thinks we will see manatees today. What do you think?



EVEN

M

Oyster Collector

Hello students! On a typical day, the afternoon is when I head into the city to sell the oysters that I caught that morning! I hope I can sell enough oysters to buy new accessories for my motorcycle because I use it every day to go across the dry forest to get to the sanctuary. Let's ask the conservationist if he thinks we will see manatees today. What do you think?



ODD

N

Conservationist

You might be able to. It is the breeding season for manatees. They like to come to shallow waters during this time, but that might affect the oyster populations. It might not be the best time to collect oysters. Let me ask my friend, the researcher, to see what they think.



EVEN

N

Conservationist

You might be able to. Soon the oyster and manatee populations will grow due to the breeding season starting. This way you will be able to sustainably catch more oysters and sell more oysters. Let me ask my friend, the researcher, to see what they think.



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Researcher

I agree with the conservationist. As a researcher, I like to ask questions, such as “How will manatee and oyster populations be affected by climate change and tourism in the future?” We need to ask questions and learn from many perspectives to build a future that is good for both manatees and people. We are part of nature, too!



EVEN



Researcher

I agree with the conservationist. As a researcher, I like to ask people how they think the fish markets are handling the highs and lows of oyster populations. Profits might change this year. We need to ask questions and learn from many perspectives to build a future that is good for both manatees and people. We are part of nature, too!



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