

Signs of Christmastime in the Dominican Republic



I believe that 2013 is the first year for this park of lights set up by the city of Santo Domingo. It is near the university where I teach, so I passed by as they were setting it all up and after classes at night saw the brilliance from the taxi.

A Zumba class or something was going on during the evening when I swung by for a slower look at the lights. There are several parks around the capital with outdoor exercise equipment for folks to use, which you can see upon closer inspection.



Apparently they needed corporate sponsorship for the event as there were ample examples of lights from various well-known companies here, such as the favored beer, Presidente.

Thanks to my friend, Sandy, I was able to travel a bit this Christmas and this is in Samana, near the dock area.



This is in the East, in the city of Higuey. In the background the tall arch of the basilica is visible.

And here a fairly life-size crèche below the tree pictured above in Higüey.



And there are the animals available in all seasons, but this donkey noticed near Boca del Yuma stood out to me.

The ladies in my church, Iglesia Episcopal Santa Cruz, enjoy the final gift exchange in our Angelito (secret Santa).





This is a doorway in a hallway of the Universidad Católica Santo Domingo which serves as a primary and secondary school during the day.

The streets become full of fruit and candy vendors during this time, with fruits such as apples, pears and grapes being a special treat for folks here.

