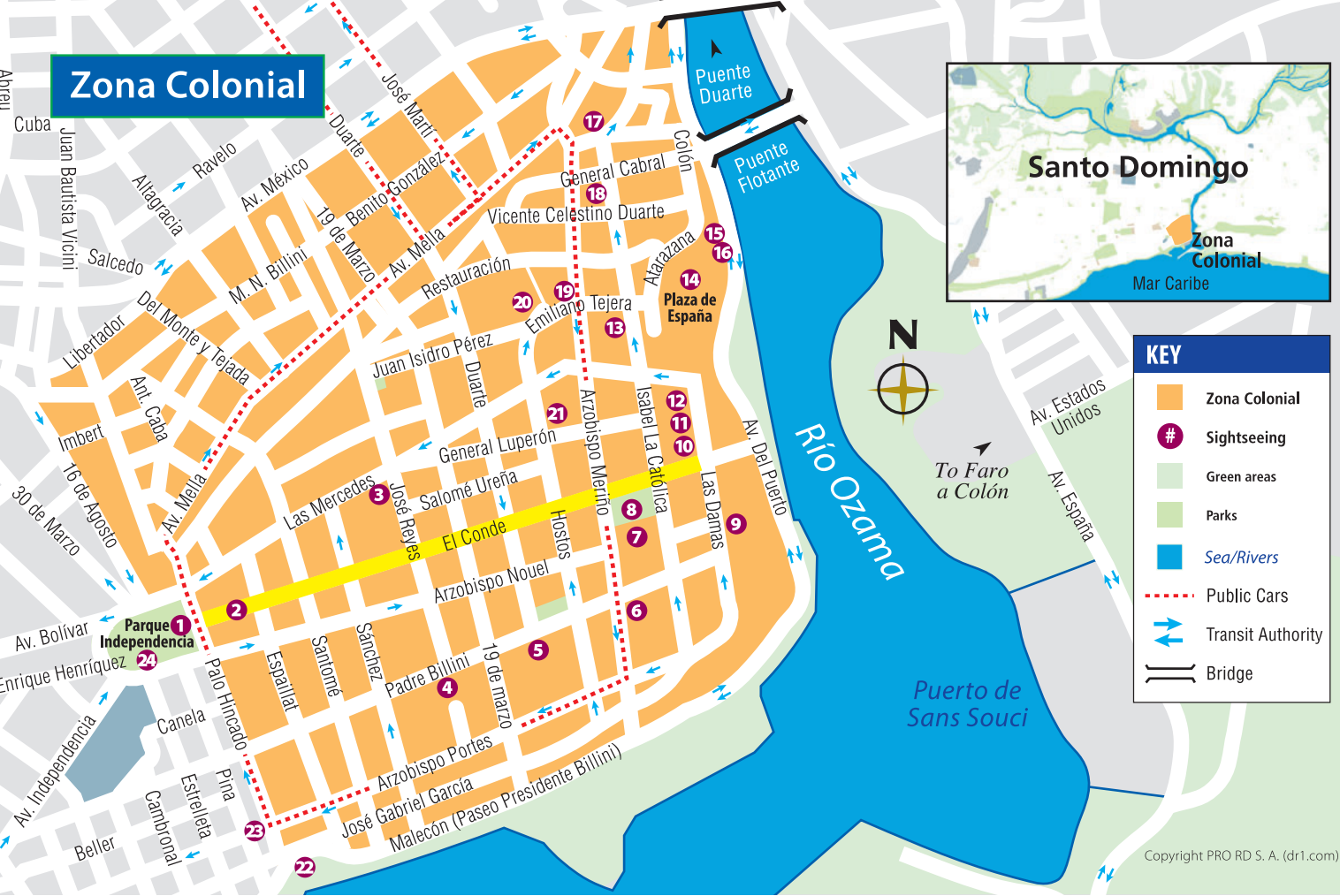


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Puerta del Conde
A national monument marking where the founders of the Republic proclaimed independence from Haiti in 1844.



Calle El Conde
This pedestrian mall is popular with locals and visitors for its bustling atmosphere. Many shops now cater to tourists.



Iglesia de las Mercedes
Constructed between 1549 and 1555, the church was dedicated to the Lady of Mercedes.



Iglesia Regina Angelorum
The church houses the remains of Padre Billini, a 17th century priest.



Convento de los Dominicos
Built in 1510, the convent was the site of the New World's first university, Santo Tomas de Aquino.



Casa de Tostado
Built around 1520 for Francisco Tostado. The house is now a museum that displays Dominican wealth in the 19th century.



Catedral Primada de América
The oldest cathedral in the Americas. Construction began in 1514 and was consecrated a cathedral in 1540.



Parque Colón
Located beside the Cathedral, this square is surrounded by interesting architecture. It is great for people watching.



Fortaleza Ozama
The oldest military plaza in the Americas, used as a garrison and prison well into the 1960s.



Panteón Nacional
Built from 1714-1745. In 1956 it was converted to the National Pantheon.



Hostal Nicolás de Ovando
Once the home of SD's first governor, it was restored into a luxury hotel.



Museo de las Casas Reales
From this 16th century stone building, Spain ruled its empire in the New World.



Casa del Cordón
Completed in 1504, this is the oldest stone house in the Americas, originally owned by Francisco de Garay.



Plaza de España
Once the center of colonial power and trade. It is today a large romantic plaza replete with restaurants and bars.



Alcázar de Colón
The Columbus Palace was built (1511-1514) by Christopher Columbus's son Diego.



Puerta de San Diego
Built in 1540, this was the original main gate to the city.



Iglesia de Santa Bárbara
Though date of construction is unknown, estimates point to late 16th century. It was rebuilt after an earthquake in 1751.



Museo Casa de Duarte
Once the house of Juan Pablo Duarte, the country's founding father.



Museo del Ámbar
Visitors can see samples of amber, the semi-precious gemstone the DR is known for.



Ruinas Monasterio de San Francisco
First monastery in the Americas when Franciscan monks arrived with SD's first governor Nicolas de Ovando in 1502.



Hospital Nicolás de Bari
The ruins of the first hospital in the New World. It was constructed in 1503 by order of Santo Domingo's first governor, Nicolás de Ovando.



Fuerte de San Gil
Built in 1543, this was the original gate of the city's western wall. Ramon Matias Mella fired the first shot here prior to proclaiming independence from Haiti.



Puerta de la Misericordia
The Gate of Mercy. Built in 1543, this was the original gate of the city's western wall.



Parque Independencia
Home to the Altar de la Patria, it is an important venue for public art exhibitions.