

Welcome to *New Cambium!*

About New Cambium

New Cambium is a 70 hectare (173 acre) farm that was purchased in 2010 with the intention of developing it into an idyllic place for naturists to live in harmony with nature. Leaseholders have bought plots of land and have built two dozen homes, many of which are for rent. Although we have developed a central recreational area at Palm Gardens, New Cambium is still a working farm, with cattle grazing, chickens wandering through the area, and a small cacao plantation. Nature walks on our trails provide access and highlight the extraordinary property.

There simply is no place in the world like New Cambium. Enjoy your stay!

Your stay here

- **Sign in:** When you arrive you will sign in at the Gatehouse and get the keys to your house. Staff will show you a map and give you directions.
- **Electricity:** The houses here were built to be as eco-friendly as possible and are powered by solar. If you use it carefully you should have enough each day. On cloudy days please be conservative in your usage of electrical appliances. Some houses in the Palm and MAnGo areas do have mains electricity as a backup, it isn't yet available 24x7 but is steadily improving.
- **Water:** Water comes from a small dam on the mountain nearby, again please use it wisely. Tap water is fine for bathing and cooking. Drinking water is available in 5-gallon bottles that can be purchased in many of the "colmados" (small kiosks or stores) in the village. If you exchange your empty bottle, it costs RD\$50 per bottle (approx. \$1 US).
- **Garbage:** There are bins located at the Gatehouse, and in each of the residential areas.
- **Gas tanks:** We mostly use gas for cooking and to heat water. The tanks are usually in bright orange cylinders that can be refilled at gas stations. The nearest is on the way to Rio San Juan NOTE: Do

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not confuse gasoline (petrol) & diesel filling stations with gas stations as they are always separate. A clue: petrol and filling stations generally have a sign showing the prices for diesel and regular. Some houses have passive solar water heaters.

- **WiFi.** Purchase a 4G hotspot from a provider (Altice has the best signal at New Cambium) for WIFI. You can also get local SIM cards for your cell phone. Altice and Claro have stores in both Gaspar Hernandez and Rio San Juan. We have a few hotspots you can rent on a first come, first served basis.

Note: Wherever you are staying here, if you find anything missing or something gets damaged, please do tell us, Diogene or the leaseholder so that we can try to remedy the situation.

- **Groceries:** Many visitors stop enroute from the airport to load up on supplies. Stores such as Playero and Super Pola in Sosua, or Janet's in Cabarete cater to the international community. However, Alexandra Supermercado in Magante offers a small selection of staples (rice, pasta, canned goods, alcoholic beverages) and you can get good local produce at the colmados in Magante, Rio San Juan and Gaspar. There are also stands on the side of the road as well. The village also has stores that provide meat and fish.

Eating out

Magante:

Playa Rogellio has a number of kiosks on the beach, most of which sell the traditional fish dinner of fried whole fish, salad, tostones, batata (white sweet potato), rice, and sometimes fries. With a beer, the tab is generally between \$RD 500 and \$750. Nothing is prepared ahead of time and it can take up to an hour to get your food, but it is worth it. Grab a drink and walk the beach! To get there, turn right at Alexandra — the road takes you straight to the beach.

Eating at New Cambium

If you want to eat a prepared breakfast or lunch here, you can pre-order from the pool area or via Diogenes. You need to ask the day before for breakfast or on the morning of the day you would like Lunch.

Get to know Diogene Martinez

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Diogenes speaks English and can help you with just about anything you need. He is generally at Palm Gardens by the pool early in the morning. If you have booked your stay directly through New Cambium, he will provide you with the basics: drinking water, gas for cooking etc. If you have booked through a leaseholder (directly or via AirBnB), then Diogenes may charge for his services. Please check with the leaseholder. Diogenes phone: 1-829-515-5458. He is also on What's App, a less expensive way to communicate if you do not have a local (DR) phone.

Getting around

Car rental. Having a car here makes everything easier, and if you do rent a car make sure it has 4WD. The access road from Magante is a challenge. Even crossing the river within our site can be difficult. If you decide to rent a car for a day or two when you get here, talk to Diogene and see what he can recommend. Also, several of us have rented cars from OK Motors in Sosua, a good option for those who know in advance if they want a car.

Public Transport. Travel like the locals! Both small buses "guaguas" and public taxis "carros" run along the north coast main road fairly regularly and are your best bet for getting to Rio San Juan, Gaspar Hernandez and beyond. Hail one in Villa Magante – they're always looking out for customers. There are also motorcycle taxis ("motoconchos") for shorter journeys, such as getting around within a town. You can get a motoconcho ride to the village or back for 50 pesos (\$US1) per person. Just ask at the Gatehouse.

You can also ask for things to be delivered to you if you prefer to stay home. This may include groceries, meals and other items.

Walking around New Cambium is wonderful with roads and trails, but please take extra care during and after any heavy rains as the surfaces may be slippery. You can also walk down to the village, which is a perfect way to connect with the local residents. Do say "Hola," smile and wave to our local neighbours!

The Naturist Lifestyle

New Cambium was established as a place where guests and residents could be nude without fear of judgement and most people who visit us are already naturists. At the very least, we expect anyone who stays here to be tolerant of the naturist lifestyle.

We don't have a lot of rules, however:

- Everyone is expected to be naked when swimming in the communal pool at Palm Gardens
- Please bring a towel or sarong to place on chairs
- Do not take photos of anyone without his/her permission

Enjoy your time at ***New Cambium***, you are most welcome, we love having you visit. Do come back again and maybe, like us, you will want to stay longer next time.

We have houses and plots for sale too. You can see what is for sale on the website. Let us know if you would like to view any of them.