

Why the Dominican Republic:

“First, it is important to understand the batey, a village of Haitian sugar cane cutters living in deep and unrelenting poverty in the Dominican Republic. It is a contrast as stark and vast as any on earth. As you leave the cities and resorts of the DR, you drive through endless fields of majestic sugar cane set in plains and valleys, surrounded by stunningly beautiful mountains. Views that can literally take your breath away with their beauty. Turn around from staring at the sun-soaked sugar cane and palm trees and you have your breath knocked out of you by abject, grinding poverty — a Haitian sugar cane village of shacks, dirt roads, and shoeless and naked children.” ([Source](#))

For a quick and vivid snapshot of the life in a batey, watch [Source Price of Sugar video](#) (14 minted edited)