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**Sublime Samana Hotel & Residences Names the Top Five Family Bonding Activities
--Witness the Humpback Whale, Snorkel in the Magnificent Cliffside Setting of Playa
Fronton, and Develop your Cooking Skills with the Dominican's Top Chef--**

Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic – Research reveals 40 percent of families went on a multi-generational vacation in the past year. In fact, 77 percent of these trans-generational trips focused around a milestone event -- birthday, anniversary or wedding. To capitalize on this growing trend, Sublime Samana Hotel and Residence presents five family bonding activities in the Dominican Republic.

The hotel is the ideal retreat for families looking for an active off-the-beaten path, intimate and educational escape on the island's most undiscovered shores. The property features 26 private suites and casitas ranging from one-bedroom suites to three-bedroom casitas, perfectly suited to families and large multi-generational groups alike.

The hotel is offering a 35 percent discount off regular room rate for the three bedroom casitas, breakfast daily, \$150 US spa credit, and welcome drink from November 28 to December 16, 2015.

From whale watching and snorkeling to horseback riding and healthy group cooking courses, here are Sublime Samana's recommendations for memorable activities to spice up your family vacation this year.

1. Wondrous Whale-Watching

Coming from the North, spectacular, giant humpback whales choose the Samaná Bay every winter to mate and reproduce. Young children, teens, parents and grandparents, will all delight over the natural spectacle, as they observe the males falling in love, singing and making fantastic leaps to seduce the females.

Families will long cherish the moment they watched the newborn whale calves follow their mother in the deep blue sea. From January 15 to March 15, Sublime Samana has the following four night packages for this one-of-a-kind, breathtaking experience.

- One-bedroom suite is \$1,465
- Two-bedroom suite is \$1,920
- Two-bedroom Casita with Jacuzzi is \$2,235
- Two-bedroom Casita with Rooftop Terrace is \$2,430

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- Three-bedroom Casita with Jacuzzi is \$2,870
- Three-bedroom Casita with Rooftop Terrace is \$3,129

Whale watching trips are available only on Tuesday and Thursdays.

2. Snorkeling Underwater Discovery

Take your group for an exciting sail along the Cabo Samana cliffs and discover the superb Playa Fronton nestled in lush vegetation and surrounded by magnificent rock formations. While you enjoy snorkeling, a delicious meal will be prepared for you featuring freshly caught fish in a beach side bungalow straight out of Robinson Crusoe.

Admire the breathtaking beauty of this exceptional and peaceful natural wonder, before exploring Playa Madame -- another wonderful beach rimmed by coconut trees. End this fabulous excursion by snorkeling once again and relaxing on a warm golden sand beach.

Price is \$95 per person for the beach and snorkeling full-day trip.

3. Hiking Adventure to the El Limon Waterfalls

Enjoy an active adventure through the Dominican rainforest surrounding the Sierra Samaná mountain range to the Samaná Peninsula's famous Salto de Limon waterfalls. The entire family will marvel as the water cascades down 180 feet into a welcoming swimming hole.

Bring lunch and enjoy a rainforest picnic, or splash into the clear water for a refreshing swim!

Price is \$45 per person for the hike to El Limon Waterfalls.

4. Dominican Beach and Jungle Horseback Riding

An activity that can be enjoyed at home and abroad, horseback riding is always a source of excitement for children and adults alike! Take a relaxing afternoon ride along the beach or opt to trot along the trail leading to the spectacular El Limon waterfall.

Price is \$55 per person for the horseback riding trip.

5. Family Cooking Course

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Within the comforts of an open, casita, enjoy a cooking course led by Sublime Samana's acclaimed Chef Cristian Baez. While parents and older children participate in preparing light, scrumptious Dominican influenced salads and fresh fish, the young children will take care of dessert, baking everyone's favorite fun treat – cupcakes!

After the cooking lesson, the entire family will sit down to enjoy the well-deserved meal.

Price is \$62 for a two-hour cooking lesson.

For further information and reservations visit www.sublimesamana.com or call (888) 896-9416.

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