

Driving Directions from Melville Hall Airport to Villa Vidal

1. Depart the airport – after passing through the airport's parking toll booth proceed straight ahead; the road will curve LEFT around the end of the runway (you will be traveling North); you will stay on this road for the remainder of your journey until you reach the road that leads to Villa Vidal, approximately 55 miles; expect the drive to take 1½ - 2+ hours depending how familiar you are with Dominica's roads
2. The first village you will pass through will be WESLEY; the next, CALIBISHIE.
3. Further along, you pass by HAMPSTEAD; a bit further down the road you will come to a corner with a sign advertising the village of Bense and a small bus stop shelter (on the left). Here, the road makes an immediate 90° RIGHT turn after which you will cross over a 1-lane bridge – keep following the road...
4. After a short distance you will pass by the village of ANSE deMAI; you will now be heading West (though you might not have noticed), – keep following the road...
5. After awhile you will notice a sign that says Dos D'Ane... keep following the road; you will begin to encounter some very sharp hairpin curves – after awhile, the road will become noticeably flat, you are now coming into the East side of Portsmouth –
6. As you enter Portsmouth, you will drive by a large open field on your Right, then past a gas station on your Left and some other buildings before arriving at a dead-end – there could be a lot of traffic at this location as it is also a taxi bus parking area.
7. At the dead-end, turn LEFT (you are now heading South).... you will cross the Indian River Bridge – you will see a Texaco gas station on your left.... shortly after, very near the road, you will see a large rusty boat on your Right – just a little bit further you will see an intersection -- a black/yellow striped guardrail, and a white Eat Fish sign will be immediately on your right – do NOT go straight...
8. Turn LEFT and proceed the up hill, the road curves Right then straightens – you have now entered the village of Picard; you will pass a Kentucky Fried Chicken on your Right; soon after, you will see Ross University on the Right.... keep following the road out of town – you are 25-40 minutes from Villa Vidal.
9. After some turns and bends, the road will become steep as you proceed through 4 sharp turns ... at the crest you will proceed downward eventually passing by the village of DUBLANC, then BIOCHE
10. Further along, after a short, very steep decline, you will enter the larger village of COLIHAUT – upon leaving Colihaut you will drive along the coast for a short distance at a couple of locations – you are about 10 minutes from Villa Vidal
11. You will then pass directly by the sea-side village of COULIBISTRIE – you are now about 3 minutes from Villa Vidal.
12. Shortly after passing by Coulibistrie you will go up a long, steep hill. Just after the top of the hill, on your RIGHT, will see a rickety blue & white sign that reads STONE EDGE – about 300 feet past this sign on your Left you will see a small road - turn LEFT here (directly across from it you might notice a rickety shed)
13. At the dead-end, turn RIGHT – in about a 200 feet you will see a white wall on your Right, with a black gate – after passing the gate, turn LEFT – drive up the narrow road about 700 feet.
14. Villa Vidal is the 2nd house on the right at END of the road – WELCOME!

Arriving at the Airport and the Journey to Villa Vidal

We strongly suggest... if you have little or no experience driving on Dominica that you hire transport from the airport to Villa Vidal, especially if your flight is arriving around 4:30 pm or later in the afternoon. Driving on Dominica is very challenging, especially at night, even more so if you are not certain of your destination.

We can assist in making arrangements to have you picked up from the airport and or a taxi can be obtained as soon as you exit customs. Expect transportation cost from the airport to Villa Vidal to be approximately \$45 US. The trip will take approximately 1:15 to 1:45 minutes.

(Once arrived at the airport, expect to add on a least 30 minutes, or more, for getting through customs, collecting your luggage, etc., longer if filling out car rental paperwork... before you ever leave the vicinity of the airport.)

If you are planning on renting a car, please know that arrangements can be made to have one dropped off at Villa Vidal and or some rental companies will pick you up and bring you to Roseau (Dominica's capital city – about a 30 minute ride) to get your car in the daylight! Please inquire.

Driving on Dominica is not for the faint-of-heart and demands serious attention and concentration. Note that traffic drives on the LEFT side of the road here; consequently, car steering wheels are located on the RIGHT side of the vehicle. If arriving from America or other countries where traffic moves on the right, this is *exactly the opposite* of what you are used to and is trickier than you might expect.