

Driving Directions from the Ferry Dock in Roseau to Villa Vida

These instructions have you leaving directly from the ferry dock. If you are renting a car and leaving from the rental office, initial instructions will vary for you in getting back to Dominica's "west coast road." Please inquire with your car rental agency for more specific details.

1. From the street immediately in front of the ferry dock drive north (LEFT) about 4 short blocks (the sea will be on your left) to where the street dead-ends at the river – turn RIGHT, the outdoor city market will be immediately on your right; drive about 200 feet and turn LEFT at the first intersection; as you cross the river bridge you will now be on the west coast road, also known as the "main road." **YOU WILL REMAIN ON THIS VERY WINDING AND CURVING ROAD, DRIVING TOWARD THE NORTH FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR JOURNEY TO VILLA VIDAL.**
2. Driving north, the sea will always remain on your left; after about a half mile you will leave Roseau and will see and pass by the cargo ship dock & port after which you will drive about a half mile along high rock cliff on your Right and the sea on your left (the rock cliff is the edge of the road).
3. At the end of the cliff the road make a sharp right as it winds its way through a small business district. Leaving the business district you will quickly pass by a small seaside airport on your left.
4. Next, you will pass through the small seaside village of Massacre (pronounced ma-sock), followed about a mile later by the village of Maho. NOTE, that driving through these villages can be a harrowing experience for first time visitors / drivers as the road passing through these villages is very, very narrow. When meeting oncoming traffic it is sometimes necessary to stop to let the other vehicle pass (by scant inches!); doors to shops and homes open immediately to the road by mere inches, as well; pedestrians will be in the street; traffic jams occur frequently; patience and being keenly alert is required!
5. After passing through Maho the road will make a hard right and then a hard left; you will pass by a Palmolive soap factory then cross a narrow river bridge; driving will now become a little bit less stressful having moved beyond the road's main bottle necks.
6. The next major landmark will be a very high cliff located on your right as you drive along the sea; after about a half mile the road will bend sharply to the right (you are now immediately alongside the Layou River, Dominica's largest); you pass through a large grove of palm trees - the road curves across a large double river bridge; after crossing the river the road T's at a dead-end, TURN LEFT.
7. The river is now on your left and a quarry is on your right, after about a quarter of a mile road bends sharply RIGHT, (do not go straight) -- go RIGHT.
8. You will continue to navigate several curves and hills... soon you will curve around the village of St. Joseph – it will be located on your left– be watchful for pedestrians along the road.
9. You will continue to navigate several curves and hills... after a few you will see a sign that points to Mero Beach (you will not be able to see the beach) – stay on the Main road ...keep driving north. *You are now within 10 minutes of arriving at Villa Vidal!
10. You will continue to navigate several curves and hills... after a short distance you might pass by the Macoucherie Rum Distillery, there is a sign but you might not see it... , there is a sign but you might not see it... you will then go up a steep hill that bends into a sharp right bend (be careful); immediately after the sharp bend you will be at the entrance to the village of Salisbury. (you will not be able to see the village as it will be immediately above you behind some big hills.. *You are now about 3 minutes from Villa Vidal!
11. At the top of the hill the road flattens and straightens! At this point you are driving along one of the only straight stretches of road of in all of Dominica, an area known as the Grand Savanne. **NOW BEGIN TO WATCH CAREFULLY FOR a small, roadside shack** (there could be weeds grown up around it); this is a bus stop. Immediately across from the bus stop is a road. **TURN RIGHT** on this road! --- (IF you see a pile of trash and a blue & white sign on your left that reads STONE EDGE you have missed the turn by about 100 yards! Carefully turn around!)
12. You will quickly come to a dead-end - turn RIGHT; in about a 200 feet you will see a white wall with a black gate on your Right – after passing the gate, turn LEFT – drive up the narrow road about 700 feet.
13. Villa Vidal is the 2nd house on the right at END of the road – WELCOME!