



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**August 5, 2019**

**What's New in Dominican Republic:**

- **Tourism Arrivals Up 4 Percent Compared to Last Year** | *The Central Bank of Dominican Republic announced that from January to June 2019 Dominican Republic welcomed 3.57 million tourists. This astounding number means Dominican Republic has seen a 4 percent growth in arrivals compared to the same time in 2018. According to the report 64 percent of those tourists arrived from North America making the country a top Caribbean destination for U.S. and Canadian travelers.*  
[www.bancentral.gov.do](http://www.bancentral.gov.do)
- **Samaná Property Receives Certificate of Excellence** | *Grand Paradise Samaná was recently recognized for its high standards of service, quality and satisfaction of guests at the annual TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards. These are the only awards in the industry based off consumer feedback, comments and ratings.* [www.GrandParadiseSamana.com](http://www.GrandParadiseSamana.com)
- **Historic Santo Domingo Plaza Celebrates Renovation** | *On August 4, Santo Domingo Mayor David Collado participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the grand reopening of the rebuilt Plaza La Trinitaria, built in 1966. This project is one of many improvements in progress to further establish the Colonial City as a world-class destination for Caribbean travel.* [www.DominicanToday.com](http://www.DominicanToday.com)

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