



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE**  
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**What's New in Dominican Republic:**

- **Puerto Plata Reaches 3 Million Arrivals** | *Known as the birthplace of tourism, Puerto Plata's positioning on the north coast made visiting simple. After a lull in visitors, Puerto Plata proudly announced they have officially welcomed more than 3 million tourists via air and cruise since 2012. During that time 60 percent of tourists arrived through the Amber Cove port, further supporting Dominican Republic's position as a top choice for cruise tourism. [www.Expreso.com](http://www.Expreso.com)*
- **New Flights to Santo Domingo Announced** | *During peak travel times in the winter, Delta Airlines will offer a second daily flight from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo beginning December 21, 2019. [www.Delta.com](http://www.Delta.com)*
- **Bayahibe Resort Unveils Expansion and Renovation** | *Hilton La Romana, an all-inclusive adults only resort, recently unveiled major upgrades and expansions. Refreshed décor and a new array of on-site activities will keep guests refreshed and active. The 5-star resort has a new garden lounge, swimming pools, fitness facilities and restaurant. [www.Hilton.com](http://www.Hilton.com)*
- **New Punta Cana Property Plans Announced** | *Live Aqua Beach Resort Punta Cana will open as a part of La Colección hotel group. The resort will have 345 suites available in seven categories that each have a spectacular view of either the ocean, gardens or swimming pools. Luxury accommodations like the brand's signature Feel Harmony Spa will be present at this new property. The resort is slated to open March 2020. [www.LaColeccion.com](http://www.LaColeccion.com)*
- **Hotel Group Properties in Dominican Republic Wins Award of Excellence** | *Meliá Hotels, a brand with five properties throughout Dominican Republic, has won the industry's highest-standard award—the Cristal International Standards Certificate. With emphasis on safety and quality of each operation, the award only goes to hotels that express the best in the industry. Meliá Hotels in Dominican Republic include The Grand Reserve at Paradisus Palma Real, Paradisus Palma Real, Paradisus Punta Cana, Melia Caribe Beach and Meliá Punta Cana Beach. [www.CristalStandards.com](http://www.CristalStandards.com)*

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