



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

- **Reservations to Puerto Plata Up 10 Percent** | *In the first half of 2019, travel booking site Expedia, announced that reservations to Puerto Plata increased 10 percent compared to last year. According to the report the United States was the market that contributed to that growth the most, with Canada coming in second.* [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)
- **Two Punta Cana Properties to Open This November** | *Playa Hotels and Resorts is opening a pair of all-inclusive Hyatt-branded resorts in Punta Cana this November. The Hyatt Zilara Cap Cana and the Hyatt Ziva Cap Cana will offer both adult-only and family-friendly accommodations. Both properties will have 375 suites, 12 dining concepts, a state-of-the-art fitness center and much more.* [www.resortsbbyhyatt.com](http://www.resortsbbyhyatt.com)
- **Santo Domingo to Host Gastronomic Pop-Up** | *October 1 through October 3 Santo Domingo will host the gastronomic festival "The Art of Eating" which celebrates cuisine throughout the world. Each day, top chefs from countries like Dominican Republic, Peru, Spain and Mexico will present iconic dishes from their culture for a tasty collaboration and celebration of the senses.* [www.godominicanrepublic.com](http://www.godominicanrepublic.com)
- **New Eye-Catching Tourist Attraction Opens in Puerto Plata** | *The Alley of Doña Blanca is a stunning all-pink alleyway is a façade of the famous Victorian houses in Puerto Plata. A nod to the cultural of the area, the monochromatic street is a show stopping sight with much historical significance.* [www.quiapuertoplata.com](http://www.quiapuertoplata.com)
- **Top Travel Magazine Names Punta Cana Leading Winter Getaway** | *In Travel Channel's round up of "exotic winter getaways that are close to home," the publication names Punta Cana as one of the best. As a conveniently located destination just 2-hours from Miami and with many direct flight options all over the country, visiting paradise has never been easier.* [www.travelchannel.com](http://www.travelchannel.com)

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