



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

- **New Punta Cana Property Announces Debut Date** | *Apple Leisure Group's AMResorts is targeting a February 21st, 2020 debut for its new Dreams Macao Beach Punta Cana resort. The all-inclusive property will be both family and couple friendly with 500 guest rooms and suites. The property will offer nine eateries including a beach grill, buffet-style dining and a la carte options. www.amresorts.com*
- **Top-Tier Outlet Spends 36 Hours in Santo Domingo** | **Leading U.S. outlet**, *The New York Times* recently showcased the ultimate 36 hours guide to Santo Domingo as part of their world travel features. Santo Domingo is known for its centuries-old culture, heritage, gastronomy, music, museums and more! See all the ways Santo Domingo can be seen in just one weekend. www.nytimes.com
- **Ansel Elgort Welcomes 2020 in Dominican Republic** | *Actor Ansel Elgort celebrated the New Year at Las Hamacas Villa at Cap Cana, which boasts six bedrooms, an infinity pool, and a sprawling terrace overlooking the Caribbean Sea. The private villa also includes a state-of-the-art gym, kayaks, and of course, plenty of hammocks. Upon request, guests can access a private masseuse, salon services, and private transportation. www.people.com*
- **Whale Watching Season in Full Swing** | *From January through April in the Silver Bank, and January through March in Samaná Bay, wildlife and thrill-seeking enthusiasts can visit Dominican Republic to observe 2,000+ humpback whales as they migrate to Samaná Bay. Dominican Republic's Silver Bank Sanctuary, situated roughly 80 nautical miles north of resort city of Puerto Plata, is one of only two areas in the entire world where nature lovers can experience an in-water encounter with humpback whales. Tours are available in both Samaná Bay and the Silver Bank. www.godominicanrepublic.com*
- **Puerto Plata to Host 18th Annual Winter Regatta** | *Playa Cabarete located in Puerto Plata will host the 18th Annual Caribbean Laser Midwinter Regatta. The event is a qualifier for the Summer Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and it's the only annual regatta recognized in the Caribbean for points on the World Sailing organization ranking. Over 30 participants worldwide will compete. www.godominicanrepublic.com*

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