



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

- **Samaná Property Named Top All-Inclusive in Caribbean** | Popular news site, CNN, ranked the best properties to visit in the Caribbean and Bahia Principe Luxury Cayo Levantado in Samaná made the list as one of the best. The incredible views, serene private setting and upscale rooms were among the top reasons the property was recognized. [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)
- **Hotel Groups Announces Commitment to Sustainability** | Palladium Hotel Group has made a commitment to eliminate single-use plastic on their resort properties and have implemented waste and water reduction tactics to minimize carbon footprint and conserve energy. Properties such as TRS Cap Cana, Grand Palladium Bávaro Suites Resort & Spa, Grand Palladium Palace Resort Spa & Casino, Grand Palladium Punta Cana Resort & Spa, TRS Turquesa Hotel and more. [www.palladiumhotelgroup.com](http://www.palladiumhotelgroup.com)
- **New Nonstop Flight Routes Announced** | Travelers from Houston's William Hobby Airport can now experience nonstop service from Southwest Airlines to Punta Cana International Airport. The seasonal offerings will continue through spring and run on weekends only. [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com)
- **Three Dominican Golf Courses Nominated for Awards** | Each year popular news outlet, USA TODAY, compiles a Readers' Choice Award for the 10 Best Caribbean Golf Courses. This year, Cocotal Golf and Country Club in Punta Cana, Puta Espada Golf Course, and Casa de Campo in La Romana are among the top on the current leaderboard. Voting continues until February 3 and winners will be announced February 14. [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com)
- **Punta Cana Carnival Kicks off Season of Celebration** | Carnival season will commence in February with celebrations across the country to recognize the colorful Dominican heritage, history, music and culture. February 7 and 8 Puntacana Group is throwing the celebration for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and they will also be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year as an organization committed to Punta Cana tourism. [www.godominicanrepublic.com](http://www.godominicanrepublic.com)

News releases, images and the press kit also can be accessed from the official DR Ministry of Tourism website: [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com). For additional photos, b-roll and more specific needs, please contact Annie Holschuh ([annie.holschuh@bvk.com](mailto:annie.holschuh@bvk.com)) or Callie Murphy ([callie.murphy@bvk.com](mailto:callie.murphy@bvk.com)), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.