



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Punta Cana International Airport Announces New Upgrades** | *Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), the busiest airports in the Caribbean, will be upgrading its technology and amenities to enhance inbound and outbound travel. These improvements include the implementation of Auto Gates for biometric passports and the introduction of Preclearance to speed up inspections and screenings. These updates are expected to be up and running before the end of 2020's first quarter. www.puntacanainternationalairport.com*
- **Dominican Republic Cruise Season Off to a Strong Start** | *Dominican Republic has welcomed nearly 62,000 passengers and 16 cruise ships in the first four weeks of the official cruise season, according to Dominican Infotur. The country's main port, Amber Cove in Puerto Plata is set to receive more than six additional ships this month totaling nearly 25,000 passengers.*
- **New Hotel Brand Expected to Open in Santiago** | *Curio Collection by Hilton is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2022 in Santiago, the second-largest city in the Dominican Republic. The 177-room hotel will be part of Santiago Center, an upscale tourism complex offering signature restaurants, a shopping mall, local artisan market, outdoor pool, rooftop bar, and kids' play area. www.hilton.com*
- **The 21st Edition of the Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE) Announced** | *The next edition of the Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE) 2020 to be held March 31st to April 3rd at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Punta Cana. Hosted by the National Association of Hotels and Tourism of the Dominican Republic (ASONAHORES), DATE has become the most important event of the country's tourism industry, offering international tourism operators and professionals the opportunity to discuss business plans for the year with more than 100 leading tourism suppliers. www.godominicanrepublic.com*
- **Annual Caribbean Adventure Travel Show to be Held at DATE** | *The first annual Caribbean Adventure Travel Show (CATS) will be held in conjunction with the Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE). CATS is the first of its kind in Dominican Republic, further promoting adventure travel and attracting more than 30 buyers that specialize in adventure tourism. www.godominicanrepublic.com*

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