



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Highlighted as #1 Caribbean Food Destination** | Popular news outlet, USA Today, recently named Dominican Republic as the best Caribbean destination for food in their Readers' Choice Awards. Dominican Republic has become a go-to destination for travelers looking for unique food experiences and has been recognized several times for its Gastronomy, including receiving the honor of Gastronomic Culture Capital of the Caribbean in 2019. [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com)
- **New Luxury Resort Opening This June in Sosúa** | Marriott international announced the official opening date of their new Luxury Collection property in Sosúa, located to the east of Puerto Plata along the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. The Ocean Club, a Luxury Collection Resort is set to open June 2020 and will feature 48 apartment suites with exquisite ocean views from every guestroom, private plunge pools, four first-class restaurants, fitness center and more. [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)
- **Punta Cana Named Top 10 Spring Break Travel Destination** | According to research from the 2020 Spring Break Allianz Global Assistance Survey, Punta Cana is one of the top ten most sought-after international spring break travel destinations. The survey also reports an 18 percent increase in international getaways this year. [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com)
- **Dominican Republic's Hospitality Industry Continues to Grow** | According to a study conducted by STR Data Solutions, 6,356 new rooms were built in Dominican Republic in 2019. Most of these rooms constructed within luxury projects. [www.str.com](http://www.str.com)
- **New Direct Flights to Santo Domingo and Santiago** | Frontier Airlines announced they will be adding new nonstop flights from Newark Liberty International Airport to Santo Domingo International Airport and to Santiago International Airport starting March 10<sup>th</sup>. The airline already runs nonstop routes from Newark to Punta Cana International Airport but will increase travel routes to other parts of the country due to popular demand. [www.flyfrontier.com](http://www.flyfrontier.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.