



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Authorities Sign the Safe Tourism Assistance Plan** | On September 16th, the Minister of Tourism, the Banco de Reservas, and Seguros Reserva signed the Insurance Tourism Assistance Plan agreement which, as of September 15th, provides international tourists visiting a hotel free travel assistance plan that will include coverage for emergencies, COVID-19 testing, lodging for prolonged stays and costs for changing flights in the event of an infection. This offering will be provided at no cost to tourists for the duration of their stay valid for all travelers arriving on or before December 31, 2020 and will be 100% paid for by the Dominican government. www.godominicanrepublic.com
- **Airline Set To Launch New U.S. Direct Flights to Punta Cana This Fall** | JetBlue is set to launch a major Caribbean expansion in November with a new daily nonstop flight from Newark Liberty International Airport to Punta Cana International airport. This expansion will further support the demand in tourism in Dominican Republic. www.jetblue.com
- **Dominican Republic Named Top Holiday Destination for 2021 Travel** | Leading luxury and lifestyle travel outlet, Condé Nast Traveller, named the Dominican Republic, the 10th best holiday destination for 2021 travel. The article highlights the country's growing trend of laid-back wellness retreats and green lodges as well as its hundreds of miles of coastline, humpback-whale-rich seas, and mangrove lagoons. www.cntraveller.com
- **Construction of New North Coast Highway Underway** | The president of the Dominican Republic announced the start of the Ámbar highway construction. The 35km highway will link Santiago with Puerto Plata in less than 30 minutes and the capital Santo Domingo to Puerto Plata in two hours. This highway will bring a revolutionary change in road communication and positively impact the region's tourism sector. At this time a completion date has not yet been announced. www.godominicanrepublic.com

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