



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Luxury Boutique Hotel Reopens in Puerto Plata** | President of the Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader, alongside Minister of Tourism, David Collado, and other tourism sector representatives, attended the official reopening of Hotel Casa Colonial Beach and Spa in Playa Dorada Puerto Plata. The reopening of the 50-room luxury boutique hotel, which was once named the most beautiful in the Caribbean by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine, represents job and tourism recovery not only on the North Coast but throughout the country. www.casacolonialhotel.com
- **Punta Cana Named a Top-Searched Destination for 2021 Travel** | A new report ranks Punta Cana among the most-searched vacation destinations for 2021, according to Condé Nast Traveler. The ranking was compiled using data from Expedia's 2021 Travel Trends report and places Punta Cana in the number five spot. Expedia's findings indicate that three of the biggest priorities for travelers in 2021 are "seclusion, sun, and sand," so it's no surprise that Dominican Republic's resort capital landed a spot on the list. www.cntraveler.com
- **Samaná Property Reopens With \$10M in Renovations** | Grupo Piñero, Bahia Principe Hotels & Resorts' parent company, reopened Bahia Principe Grand El Portillo on December 18 with a \$10 million transformation. Additional new amenities for guests include two ocean front swimming pools, wellness spa, children's water park, a theater for conventions and events, as well as digitalized features across several areas such as pre-check in, check-out, monitoring at the Kids Cub, and digital reservation system which contribute to safe distancing by minimizing unnecessary personal interactions, ensuring peace of mind to all visitors. www.bahia-principe.com

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