



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **President of the Dominican Republic Launches North Coast Tourism Project** | On January 28 in Puerto Plata, the president of the Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader, along with Minister of Tourism David Collado, special celebrity guest Vin Diesel, and other tourism officials led the launch of the Master Plan for Tourism and Economic Development of tourist areas on the north coast of the country, including the development of over 40 investment projects. Some of these projects include real estate, theme, and ecological parks, underwater diving, and a 250-kilometer coaster sea route between Punta Rucia and Río San Juan. The launch of these tourism projects further supports the Dominican Republic's commitment to the recovery of tourism, which contributes to 15% of the nation's economy's resources. www.mitur.gob.do
- **Punta Cana Welcomes New Adults-Only Resort** | On February 1, La Collection Resorts' Live Aqua brand has opened its first-ever resort in Dominican Republic, the first new resort to open in the Caribbean so far this year. The all-inclusive Live Aqua Beach Resort Punta Cana, set on Punta Cana's Uvero Alto beach, features 345-unit suites, which include private pools and swim up access, a private beach, an infinity pool, a spa, and seven restaurants. To guarantee the safety and wellbeing of all visitors, the new resort has opened its doors under Live Aqua's "Travel With Confidence" health and safety program. www.liveaqua.com
- **U.S Airlines Reaffirms Commitment to Dominican Republic** | American Airlines reaffirms its commitment to Dominican Republic by adding new routes and frequencies of direct flights to the country starting in April 2021. Its operations in Santo Domingo have been increased with three additional weekly flights to Philadelphia International Airport, which will begin April 3. The airlines also announced that as of April 2, it would start a new route, three days a week, from Santiago International Airport to Philadelphia International Airport. American Airlines currently offers more than 83 weekly flights from the United States to Santo Domingo, Punta Cana, Santiago, and Puerto Plata. www.aa.com
- **Cap Cana Named As The Best 2020 Fishing Location** | Billfish Report named Cap Cana, Dominican Republic as the best fishing location in 2020, surpassing all previous records. Data shows that Cap Cana was by far the best Blue Marlin fishing in the Atlantic and the best Blue Marlin bite in the World. The award was based on fish numbers, variety of billfish species, reports, the average size of fish, length of season and the number of boats fishing. www.billfishreport.com

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