



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Latest Data Reports Growth in Tourism For Dominican Republic** | *New data from leading analytics firm [ForwardKeys](#) reports that Dominican Republic's international tourism has experienced a 55 percent increase compared to July 2020. Data also pointed out that Dominican Republic has a higher rate of visitors returning compared to its Caribbean neighbors. This report reflects the work and progress the country has made towards not only guaranteeing the safety of its visitors but also recovering the tourism industry in the country. [www.travelpulse.com](#)*
- **U.S. Hotel Brand Acquires Five All Inclusive Hotels In Punta Cana** | *On February 9, Marriott International, through an agreement with Sunwing Travel Group's hotel division, Blue Diamond Resorts, announced the acquisition of 19 all-inclusive properties, including five in Punta Cana. These resorts, which total over 2000 rooms in-country, include Royalton Bavaro Resort & Spa, Royalton CHIC Punta Cana Resort & Spa, Royalton Splash Punta Cana Resort & Spa, Royalton Punta Cana Resort & Casino, Hideaway at Royalton Punta Cana. The majority of these resorts are expected to be rebranded into Marriott's Autograph Collection. [www.marriott.com](#)*
- **American Airlines Announces Flight with Direct Access to Samaná** | *American Airlines announced the addition of a new direct flight from Charlotte Douglas International Airport to Samaná International Airport on June 5. The additional flight reaffirms the airlines' commitment to Dominican Republic and all its destinations. [www.aa.com](#)*
- **International Flights To Punta Cana Continue to Increase Weekly** | *International flights to Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) continue to increase weekly. U.S. Airlines recently reported a total of 150 arrivals, 29 more than the week before, showcasing a 24 percent increase in just one week. The continued increase in flights further supports the Dominican Republic's recovery of tourism. [www.mitur.gob.do](#)*

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