



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Extends Free health Coverage Plan for Tourists** | *The Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic extended the travel assistance plan until April 30 of 2021, which offers insurance to tourists who arrive by air to the country and stay in a hotel. The insurance starts the moment they check-in at a hotel, covering all kinds of medical emergencies, including COVID-19. This measure contributes to the strengthening of the Dominican tourism industry and shows that the country is a safe destination. For additional information: [drtravelcenter.com](http://drtravelcenter.com)*
- **Dominican Republic Tourism Expected To Fully Recover** | *The governor of the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, Héctor Valdez Albizu, announced that the country's tourism industry is expected to make a full financial recovery by 2023. Projections indicated that in 2021, 3.4 to 3.5 million visitors will be traveling to the Dominican Republic. [www.theweeklyjournal.com](http://www.theweeklyjournal.com)*
- **Punta Cana Named a Top 2021 Spring Break Destination** | *New data from Allianz Partners shows that American travelers are flocking to Dominican Republic for spring break this year. According to [their traveler survey results](#), Punta Cana claimed the number six spot on the spring break list, moving up from the number 10 spot in 2020. [www.allianz-partners.com](http://www.allianz-partners.com)*
- **Renown Film Studio To Be Built in Puerto Plata** | *On March 27, at Bergantín Port in Puerto Plata, The President of the Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader, announced that the government signed an agreement for the construction of a film studio to be under the direction of the American actor, Vin Diesel, and One Race Film company. The project is set to install a film industry ecosystem for multimedia content creation and artistic events, further benefiting tourism in the area. [www.mitur.gob.do](http://www.mitur.gob.do)*
- **Whale Watching Boosts Tourism in Samaná** | *From January through March in the Silver Bank and Samaná Bay, wildlife and thrill-seeking enthusiasts visit Dominican Republic to observe 2,000+ humpback whales migrate to the Caribbean coast. This year, despite the pandemic, this natural tourist attraction received 21,000 visitors, a great contribution to the area's economy, further supporting the recovery of tourism in the Dominican Republic. [www.mitur.gob.do](http://www.mitur.gob.do)*

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