



**Weekly Update**  
**Dominican Republic Ministry Of Tourism**

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**What's New in Dominican Republic:**

**Dominican government extends the Free Health Coverage Plan** | The Dominican Government reported that it will extend Free Health Coverage Plan that is granted to all tourists who arrive on commercial flights to the country and are staying in a hotel for the duration of their stay. The coverage includes emergencies and was extended from May 12 through June 12, 2021. It will be 100% paid by the Dominican government. [godominicanrepublic.com/coronavirus/](http://godominicanrepublic.com/coronavirus/)

**Evergo and CEPM Introduce Electric Buses** | The companies Evergo and CEPM (Centro Energético Punta Cana-Macao) carried out a campaign to encourage electric mobility in Dominican Republic by introducing electric buses to the tourist city of Punta Cana. Both companies, along with La Monumental transport created a route going from the Punta Cana airport to the different hotels in the area, also doing excursions and visits to other nearby provinces. The buses are 100% electric and have 44 and 18 seats respectively. [evergonet.com](http://evergonet.com)

**International airlines continue to add new routes to the DR** | Several international airlines have new added flights to the Dominican Republic. One of the airlines is American Airlines with a weekly from Dallas-Santo Domingo route that will begin on June 5 until August 14, 2021, with the intention of resuming the route again in November of the same year. The Swiss airline Edelweiss also announced their new weekly Zurich-Puerto Plata route, which will begin on July 2, 2021. Also, on the list is Air Canada, which stated that the Dominican Republic is a priority destination when they reopen the borders. The demand for new routes is due to the large number of vaccinations and a successful management of the pandemic that the country has had. [GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://GoDominicanRepublic.com)

**Margaritaville Island Reserve Cap Cana will open its doors in October 2021** | Karisma Hotels announced that the opening of Margaritaville Island Reserve Cap Cana will take place in October 2021. This hotel represents the second of the Island Reserve brand, created in association with Karisma and Margaritaville, and is the first in the Dominican Republic. Margaritaville Island Reserve Cap Cana incorporates the comforts of a world-class all-inclusive resort, is located just 15 minutes from the Punta Cana International Airport and will have 228 suites and 40 villas designed with elements inspired by the coastal environment of the destination to bring guests to Paradise. [karismahotels.com/](http://karismahotels.com/)

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