



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Tourists Arrivals Increase 4 Percent in Start of 2018** | *The first two months of the year were a popular time for traveling to Dominican Republic. According to the Central Bank, tourist arrivals grew four percent in January and February, reaching more than 1.2 million visitors. A substantial 60 percent of visitors during this time period came from the U.S. and Canada. www.BanCentral.Gov.Do*
- **Punta Cana Airport Awarded for Passenger Satisfaction** | *Punta Cana International Airport was awarded third place for Best Airport Latin American-Caribbean by the Airport Service Quality Awards. The annual awards recognize the best airports in the world based on passenger satisfaction surveys. www.ACI.Aero*
- **Barahona Tourism Fair Promotes Travel to the Southwest** | *The second annual Discover Barahona Tourism Fair is underway through March 16-18 to increase tourism to the ecologically diverse southwest region. One of the fair's main priorities is to discuss the La Perla del Sur Project, a tourism complex that is on its first phase of construction and will offer 400 rooms, condos, a marina and more.*
- **North Coast Cruise Port Anticipates Another Successful Year** | *Amber Cove, the country's leading cruise port situated in Puerto Plata, welcomed a total of 490,873 visitors in 2017 and recently stated it aims to welcome 700,000-plus cruise passengers this year. The country in total welcomed 1.1 million cruise travelers last year.*
- **Luxury High-Rise to Open in Juan Dolio Next Year** | *Terrazas de Juan Dolio, a luxury property comprised of condos and hotel rooms, is on track to open in 2019 in the up-and-coming beach town of Juan Dolio. The \$40 million investment aims to welcome more travelers to Juan Dolio because of its prime location between Santo Domingo and Punta Cana.*

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