



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Humpback Whales Return to the North Coast** | *Each year humpback whales travel to Dominican Republic as they pass by Caberete on their way to Samaná to give birth and breed. Whale watching season is one of the country's leading winter tourist activities and typically runs December thru March and is an experience perfect for families or adventure travelers alike.*
- **Dominican Republic to See Major Renovations in 2018** | *2018 is forecasted to be the year of road renovations for all regions, specifically the East Region Road Circuit, which contributes to nearly 80% of all tourism income, according to the Public Works Ministry. This improvement will increase connectivity for tourists.*
- **East Coast Beaches Named a Can't Miss for January** | *Punta Cana and its 20-mile pristine beaches were recognized as one of the top beaches to start 2018 off with, per the leading travel publication Travel + Leisure. Punta Cana was also recognized by the Blue Flag program, as the Caribbean island with the most beaches meeting its high environmental standards. Dominican Republic remains the top touristic destination in the Caribbean and an increasingly popular destination for U.S. and international travelers alike.*
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