



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Punta Cana Home to Top Reviewed Hotel of 2017** | *Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana received the most hotel reviews in the world for 2017 on TripAdvisor, with majority of reviews being excellent. The family-friendly resort is home to 13 pools, 9 restaurants, a championship golf course and one of the largest casinos in the Caribbean. www.HardRockHotelPuntaCana.com*
- **Tourism Numbers Continue to Grow Through 2017** | *Tourism arrivals increased 3.9 percent from January to November of 2017, reaching a total of 5.5 million visitors. This number increased by 200,000 more visitors to Dominican Republic than the year before. Final numbers for 2017 will be announced in the coming weeks.*
- **North Coast All-Inclusive Hotel Opens Creating 400 Jobs** | *Emotions by Hodelpa, the new 475-room resort in Playa Dorada, held an official grand opening with President Danilo Medina. The \$40 million hotel will provide 400 direct jobs and 1,200 indirect jobs to the north coast. www.EmotionsbyHodelpa.com/*

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