



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **DR Sees Near Record-Breaking Tourist Arrival Numbers in April** | April was a key month for tourist arrivals with a year-over-year increase of 16.8 percent, according to Tourism Minister Francisco Javier García. This number is the highest on record for the month of April has only been surpassed once in the country's history, in May 2014. [www.BanCentral.Gov.Do](http://www.BanCentral.Gov.Do)
- **Cap Cana Resort Hosts Grand Opening Party** | AMResorts celebrated the opening of Secrets Cap Cana Resort & Spa with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Dominican Republic President Danilo Medina. The new 457-room resort is located in the gated community on Juanillo Beach and includes seven restaurants, six bars and a nightclub. [www.SecretsResorts.com](http://www.SecretsResorts.com)
- **Ava Airways to Add Santo Domingo to U.S. Flights** | In a meeting with the Dominican Institute of Civil Aviation, Caribbean airlines Ava Airways announced its plans to add flights from Santo Domingo to the U.S., Saint Maarten, Curacao and Jamaica starting later this year.

News releases, images and the press kit also can be accessed from the official DR Ministry of Tourism website: [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com). For additional photos, b-roll and more specific needs, please contact Annie Holschuh ([annie.holschuh@bvk.com](mailto:annie.holschuh@bvk.com)) or Lauren Sieben Sternecky ([lauren.sieben@bvk.com](mailto:lauren.sieben@bvk.com)), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.

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