



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Tourist Arrivals Up in 2017** | *Tourist arrivals to Dominican Republic are up 6.7 percent in the first five months of the year, according to the Central Bank. Foreign tourist arrivals reached a record high between January and May, with more than 2.6 million passengers arriving to the country's airports; an increase of 169,450 arrivals compared to the same period in 2016. www.BanCentral.gov.do/english*
- **Puerto Plata Amphitheater Attracts International Artist** | *The Puerto Plata Amphitheater, recently opened in summer 2016, welcomed its first international artist to the stage this month. Peter Cetera, an original member of the band Chicago, performed in the amphitheater, which is regarded as the most modern of its kind in the Caribbean.*
- **Santo Domingo's Colonial City Sees Tourism Growth** | *Santo Domingo's Colonial City, a historic neighborhood in the Dominican capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, saw tourist numbers jump 10 percent in the first quarter of 2017 compared to Q1 2016. A total of 214,393 tourists visited the city from January to March this year.*

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

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