



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Coral Reef Sanctuary Planned for Dominican Republic** | *The Dominican Republic Ministry of Environment, Puntacana Group Foundation and La Altagracia Province Tourism Cluster will develop a coral reef sanctuary in the southeastern region of the country. The new sanctuary will help protect the area's natural species and coral reef, in addition to driving eco-tourism efforts.*
- **Dominican Republic to Host Accessible Tourism Conference** | *The third annual Accessible Tourism Conference begins June 23 at the Dominican Fiesta convention center. The conference will feature panelists from around the country and the globe to discuss ways to improve accessibility.*
- **Colonial City's Old French Hotel Gets New Life** | *The beloved Hotel Francés located in Santo Domingo's Colonial City will be refurbished into a 20-room hotel, thanks to an effort to rebuild the area by the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism. The project is in the early stages of development.*
- **New Adults-Only Hotel to Open in Punta Cana** | *The Hideaway at Royalton, a new 168-room hotel from the Blue Diamond group, is slated to open in Punta Cana this November. The adults-only resort will be located adjacent to the Royalton Punta Cana, and guests will have unlimited access to all Royalton facilities.*

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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