



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Tourism Arrivals Increase 6.7 Percent This Year** | *A total of 3.5 million visitors have arrived to Dominican Republic in the first six months of the year, according to the Central Bank. This number is up 6.7 percent from the same time period last year.* www.BanCentral.Gov.Do
- **Two Resorts in Punta Cana Break Ground** | *Playa Hotels & Resorts began construction on two Cap Cana resorts, Hyatt Ziva and Hyatt Zilara. Dominican Republic President Danilo Medina attended the grand opening event for the all-inclusive hotels, which will offer a combined 750 hotel rooms, convention center, event space, theater, shops, water park and more.*
- **World's Best Kiteboarders Head to Cabarete This Weekend** | *The highly anticipated kiteboarding competition Susi Mai Invitational invites the world's best water athletes to Cabarete, also known as the Kiteboarding Capital of the World, for a three-day competition to be held July 21-23.* www.SusiMai.com/Invitational
- **Preparations Begin for 21st Annual Dominican Republic Jazz Festival** | *The 21st Annual Dominican Republic Jazz Festival has announced it will hold six nights of free jazz concerts from October 29-November 5 in Santo Domingo, Santiago, Sosúa, Puerto Plata and Cabarete.*

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 Bridget Tishler (bridget.tishler@bvk.com), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.

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