



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Adds More Than 10,000 Hotel Rooms in 10 Years** | *Over the last 10 years, Dominican Republic has added more than 10,000 hotel rooms throughout the country to accommodate for increasing tourism demand. The country now offers a total of 75,205 hotel rooms, according to Dominican Republic's Technical Vice Minister of Tourism.*
- **New Punta Cana Shopping Complex Creates 3,500 Jobs** | *The modern shopping center Blue Mall celebrated its grand opening with an honorary ribbon cutting ceremony with Dominican Republic President Danilo Medina. The new shopping complex will generate more than 3,500 direct and indirect jobs.*
- **Jarabacoa Mountain Hotel to Open This Week** | *Montaña Hotels announced the opening of Hotel Carmen, a new boutique hotel with 16 cabins on the banks of the Yaque del Norte River. The adventure resort offers outdoor activities such as mountaineering, hiking, horseback riding and more.*
- **Inaugural Anakaona Taíno Indigenous Culture Festival Starts Wednesday** | *The first Anakaona Taíno Indigenous Culture Festival will be held August 23-27 in historic San Juan de la Maguana, which is located in the country's western region, to celebrate ancestral Dominican culture through music, art, dance, workshops on Taíno traditions and more.*

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

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