



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic on Track to Welcome 6.3 Million Tourists This Year** | *According to the Technical Vice Minister of Tourism, the country is on track to reach its goal of 6.3 million tourist arrivals in 2017. Dominican Republic is also projected to reach 80,000 hotel rooms by the end of the year, a result of increasing tourism growth and hotel openings this year.*
- **Nature Tourism Week to Promote Bass Fishing in Southwest Region** | *The second Dominican Republic Nature Tourism Week will be held from Jan. 11-15 at the Natura Bass Marina in San Cristobal, located an hour west of Santo Domingo in the country's southwest region. The weeklong event includes an international bass fishing competition and will focus on promoting the area's bass fishing.*
- **Two Properties Honored by Apple Vacation Awards** | *Leading tour operator Apple Vacations announced its 2017 Apple Awards, which honored two Dominican properties with the prestigious Crystal Apple Award. Luxury Bahia Principe Fantasia Don Pablo Collection was honored as the best all-inclusive family resort, and Zoëtry Agua Punta Cana for its dining experience. [www.AppleVacations.com/](http://www.AppleVacations.com/)*
- **Three Additional Dominican Republic Airports Now Offer Free Wi-Fi** | *Dominican Republic VINCI Airports announced three of its Aeropuertos Dominicanos Siglo XXI (Aerodom) locations now offer free and unlimited Wi-Fi services to its collective 15,000 daily passengers. These airports include: Las Américas International Airport in Punta Caucedo; La Isabela International Airport in Santo Domingo; and Gregorio Luperón International Airport in Puerto Plata.*

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