



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **\$150 Million East Coast Hotel Project Starts Construction** | *The Lopesan Hotel Group, known for its hotel brand IFA Hotels, started the first phase of construction on a \$150 million resort in Punta Cana, the Lopesan Costa Bávaro. The new resort aims to open its doors in May 2019. www.Lopesan.com*
- **Inagural Coconut Festival Kicks Off This Week** | *The first edition of the National Coco Festival will take place in the city of Nagua, located in the northeast region, from Nov. 15-19 to celebrate coconut, one of the country's main exports that contributes to Dominican Republic's gastronomy, economic and environmental industries.*
- **Punta Cana Resort Reopens After Renovations** | *Excellence Punta Cana recently completed a four-month \$45 million renovation on its 488-room resort. A total of 192 rooms are Excellence Club suites offering express check-in, a private lounge and more. Renovations to the adults-only property include a coffee house and grill steakhouse. www.ExcellencePuntaCanaResort.com*

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