



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Leading Airline Expands Flights to Dominican Republic** | *JetBlue announced it will offer a new daily route from Newark Liberty International Airport to Santo Domingo Las Américas International Airport, starting May 3, 2018. JetBlue currently offers 10 daily flights to five Dominican Republic destinations including La Romana, Puerto Plata, Punta Cana and Santiago. [www.JetBlue.com](http://www.JetBlue.com)*
- **East Coast Resort Celebrates 300-Room Expansion Project** | *Riu Republica announced its five-star adults-only resort has completed its expansions, which includes an exclusive waterpark "Splash Water World," four new restaurants, and 300 new rooms. These enhancements debut prior to the high demand winter travel season. [www.riu.com](http://www.riu.com)*
- **Cruise Industry Welcomed 209,588 Tourists to DR in November** | *Cruise visits to the Dominican Republic are expected to increase in the last days of 2017, in November alone 209,588 tourists arrived in country via port, according to the Ministry of Tourism Cruise Department. Port Amber in Puerto Plata remains the leader with 45,636 passenger arrivals in 2017.*

News releases, images and the press kit also can be accessed from the official DR Ministry of Tourism website: [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com). For additional photos, b-roll and more specific needs, please contact Annie Holschuh ([annie.holschuh@bvk.com](mailto:annie.holschuh@bvk.com)) or Bridget Tisher ([bridget.tishler@bvk.com](mailto:bridget.tishler@bvk.com)), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.