



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic a Top Holiday Travel Destination** | *According to AAA Travel, a record number of Americans will travel during the holidays this year, reaching an estimated 107.3 million. Dominican Republic is listed as the sixth most popular destination this holiday season, behind other international getaways Hawaii and Cancun. www.Travel.AAA.com*
- **Punta Cana Resort Opens After \$45 Million Investment** | *The five-star resort Excellence Punta Cana has reopened after an extensive four-month renovation that added 20 suites with private swimming pools, two additional swimming pools, pool bars and a gourmet restaurant, among other luxury amenities. www.excellenceresorts.com*
- **North Coast Property to Revamp All 282 Rooms** | *The Tropical, a property located in Puerto Plata, is closing to renovate all 282 of its rooms, which includes three of the six buildings on the property, according to parent company Lifestyle Holidays Vacation Resort. The hotel will reopen with a contemporary Caribbean style, the completion date has not been announced. www.lhvcresorts.com/the-tropical/*

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