



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Proposes Two New World Heritage Sites** | *The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources is proposing The Silver Bank Marine Mammal Sanctuary, located in Samaná Bay, and the displays of Pre-Columbian Cave Art, located in various national parks, for consideration as future UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Currently Santo Domingo's Colonial Zone is the country's only World Heritage Site.*
- **Dominican Republic Named One of the Best Islands for Retirement** | *Las Terrenas was recently named one of the five best value destinations for an affordable retirement by InternationalLiving.com. The beach town is located on the Samaná peninsula and is home to a series of public beaches including Playa Las Terrenas an 8-mile white sand beach, boutique hotels, restaurants and more. www.InternationalLiving.com*
- **Cayo Levantado Property Reopens as Family Resort** | *Starting May 1, families will be welcome to the re-branded Treasure Experience Resort, formerly the adults-only Luxury Bahia Principe Cayo Levantado. The resort is located on the remote island off the coast of Samaná that can only be accessed by boat. www.Bahia-Principe.com*
- **Punta Cana Hosts First PGA Tour** | *Last week, 132 world-renowned golfers, including former NFL player Tony Romo, joined at Corales Golf Club within Punta Cana Resort and Club for the country's first ever PGA Tour event. American Golfer Brice Garnett won his first U.S. PGA title. This event was the first of its kind and will follow through 2021 at Corales through a four-year agreement. www.PuntaCana.com*
- **Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange Announced** | *The 2018 Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE) will be held at Barceló Bávaro Convention Center in Punta Cana April 11-13. DATE welcomes international tourism operators and professionals to discuss business plans for the year with 150 of the country's leading tourism suppliers. www.DRDATE.net*

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