



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Puerto Plata Landmark Welcomed Over 200,000 Passengers in 2017** | *For the second year in a row transportation for El Teleférico de Puerto Plata increased, transporting 202,504 passengers, surpassing the 2016 record of 202,384 travelers. The cable car located in Dominican Republic's North Coast transports visitors to the Botanical Gardens at the top and rewards them with wonderful views of Puerto Plata and its beaches on the ascend.*
- **Punta Cana Adults-Only Resort Receives Excellence Award** | *Last month, the Royalton Punta Cana was recognized for its quality management and service by the TUI Group with a TUI Top Quality 2018 Award. The recently expanded adults-only resort provides an all-inclusive experience which features reservation-free à la carte dining, international and select premium bar service, 24/7 concierge service, and more. www.RoyaltonPuntaCanaResort.com*
- **Santo Domingo Boutique Hotel Unveils Expansion** | *The Hodelpa Nicolas de Ovando Hotel recently opened a new 12-room Imperial Club within the existing property, located in Ciudad Colonial, Santo Domingo's UNESCO World Heritage Site. The expansion is available accessible via elevator, and features a lounge openly daily for signature cocktails, food and an on-staff butler. www.HodelpaNicolasDeOvando.com*
- **Top Hotelier Chairman to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award** | *Chairman and Founder of Grupo Puntacana, Frank Rainieri, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit, May 16-18 in Miami. Rainieri is most recognized for his work in establishing Punta Cana International Airport and the exclusive tourist complex, Puntacana Resort & Club, which recently hosted the country's first PGA Tour. www.PuntaCana.com*

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