



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Santo Domingo Hotel Completes \$40 Million Renovations** | Last quarter, the iconic El Embajador, a Royal Hideaway Hotel, unveiled a two-year \$40 million renovation project. Renovations include 10,000 square feet of ballrooms, upgraded rooms and a new wellness and spa center. The historic property, acquired by Barcelo Hotel Group in 2005, is located in Santo Domingo's Bella Vista neighborhood. www.Barcelo.com
- **New Flight Routes Announced for May** | Jet Blue announced it will offer a daily round trip route from Newark Liberty Airport to Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo. The new route, set to begin May 3, is the first direct connection from the two cities and is an extension to Jet Blue's five existing Dominican destinations including La Romana, Puerto Plata, Punta Cana and Santiago. www.JetBlue.com
- **Dominican Republic Highlighted for Exceptional Landscape Design by Architectural Digest** | Leading architecture outlet Architectural Digest recently featured the North Coast property, Playa Grande Beach Club as an iconic green space design. The 2,000-acre contemporary greenery is designed by Celerie Kemble and located within the luxurious Playa Grande resort in Rio San Juan. www.PlayaGrandeBeachClub.com
- **Puerto Plata to Host Latin American PGA Tour** | The second edition of the Puerto Plata DR Open is set for May 17-20 at Playa Dorada Golf Course for the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. This is the seventh consecutive year the tournament will visit Dominican Republic. www.PlayaDoradaGolf.com
- **Santiago Welcomes New Botanical Garden** | Last week, Santiago celebrated the opening of Botanical Garden Professor Eugenio de Jesús Marcano with an inauguration ceremony. The public park is home to nearly 7.5 miles (12 km) of hiking trails and a cycle track.

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