



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic on Track to Exceed Tourism Numbers** | *In 2017 Dominican Republic accounted for 21 percent of all Caribbean travel and is expected to continue to grow, according to leading travel outlet, Travel Weekly. They also noted the country's notable cruise arrivals, specifically Amber Cover in Puerto Plata which welcomes 15,000 cruise visitors weekly. [www.TravelWeekly.com](http://www.TravelWeekly.com)*
- **\$45 Million Project Breaks Ground in La Vega** | *The Alta Vista Group officially began construction on a new \$45 million project, the Alta Vista Mountain Village in the Bayacanes community of La Vega. The eco-luxe project will consist of nearly 2 million square feet of development including a boutique hotel, villas, condos, apartments and a restaurant; completion has yet to be announced.*
- **New Flight Routes Announced for June** | *Starting next month, Vacation Express will offer the first and only non-stop flight to Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) from Austin Bergstrom International Airport. The route will depart each Monday from June 4 to August 6, 2018. [www.VacationExpress.com](http://www.VacationExpress.com)*
- **Santo Domingo Welcomes New Leading Hotel Portfolio** | *Last month, President Danilo Medina inaugurated the opening of the Hampton by Hilton Santo Domingo Airport. The new property is home to a rooftop swimming pool, a fitness center, restaurant, among other amenities, and is situated near the Las Américas International Airport, driving distance from nearby cities Boca Chica and Juan Dolio. [www.HamptonInn.com](http://www.HamptonInn.com)*

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