



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Introduces New Tourist Entry Process** | *As of April 25, a separate tourist card will no longer be needed for travel from the United States to Dominican Republic, as the tourist card and associated \$10 fee will instead be part of each airline ticket. Any airline ticket purchased prior to April 25 would not have this fee added and therefore, the tourist card would still be applicable. This announcement from The Dominican Tax Authorities (DGII) is set to increase ease of entry for those traveling by air. [www.dgii.gov.do](http://www.dgii.gov.do)*
- **Cable Car Opens in Santo Domingo** | *On May 22, Santo Domingo welcomed its new cable car with a celebratory event. The transportation service will connect the surrounding neighborhoods of Santo Domingo for \$20 per trip, improving connectivity for both tourists and locals.*
- **Dominican Republic Rum Industry in the Spotlight** | *Leading media outlet Forbes recently visited the Ron Barceló Rum Factory in San Pedro de Macorís to share the legacy of Dominican Republic's iconic rum industry. Tourists can experience the tasting room, museum, and get a glimpse into the process that produces 50,000 liters a day. [www.Forbes.com](http://www.Forbes.com)*
- **Puerto Plata Hosts Third Annual Golf Tournament** | *Last week more than 100 world-renowned athletes competed in the Puerto Plata DR Open. Andrés Gallegos won the champion title, qualifying him for the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. The tournament was hosted at Playa Dorada Golf Course, one of 26 world-class golf courses in Dominican Republic.*
- **First Quarter Sees 2 Percent Increase in Tourism Spending** | *In the first quarter of 2018, Dominican Republic saw approximately a 2.2 percent increase in the average tourism spend per night compared the same time in 2017, according to MITUR.*

News releases, images and the press kit also can be accessed from the official DR Ministry of Tourism website: [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com). For additional photos, b-roll and more specific needs, please contact Annie Holschuh ([annie.holschuh@bvk.com](mailto:annie.holschuh@bvk.com)) or Bridget Tisher ([bridget.tishler@bvk.com](mailto:bridget.tishler@bvk.com)), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.