



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **\$110 Million Punta Cana Resort On Track for December Opening** | *Meliá Hotels International announced its most recent property, Grand Reserve at Paradisus Palma Real, is set to open December 2018. The resort, located on Playa de Bavaro, will feature 288 suites, seven restaurants, a full-service spa, and access to the Bavaro Beach, among other offerings. [www.Melia.com](http://www.Melia.com)*
- **Puerto Plata Prepares for First Annual Rum Festival** | *The first annual Dominican Rum Festival is set to take place July 6-7 in Puerto Plata. The celebration is designed to promote the diverse rum houses of the Dominican Republic and will include concerts, seminars, talks, workshops, tours, tastings, cocktail contests and gastronomic tastings.*
- **World-Class Golf Resort to Host First Kids PGA Camp** | *Casa de Campo Resort & Villas, home to Pete Dye's iconic Teeth of the Dog course, is set to host the country's first ever PGA Junior Golf Camp. The "Competitive Edge" camp is set for July 29 – Aug. 3, half day camps are also available. The camp will be led by renowned PGA Professional Suzy Whaley, Director of Instruction and most notably the first woman since 1945 to qualify for a PGA Tour event. [www.CasadeCampo.com](http://www.CasadeCampo.com)*
- **Dominican Republic Declares National Larimar Day** | *The national congress of the Dominican Republic declared November 22 National Larimar Day. In 2011 larimar, a semi-precious, turquoise-colored stone found only in the heart of Barahona's mountains, was established a national stone. This cultural initiative will help to celebrate the country's national identity and heritage.*
- **Flights Announced for Peak Travel Season** | *Vacation Express recently announced the return of the only nonstop charter flight between Kansas City International Airport and Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ). The weekly route departing Thursdays and arriving Fridays is set to begin Feb. 15, 2019 through July 26, 2019. [www.VacationExpress.com](http://www.VacationExpress.com)*
- **Dominican Republic Highlighted for Unique Venues** | *Meetings Today, a leading meetings and incentive media outlet, recently recognized Punta Cana, Puerto Plata and Santo Domingo for its numerous unique venues. From boutique hotels to historic caverns and gardens, Dominican Republic has a plethora of culturally diverse event settings. [www.MeetingsToday.com](http://www.MeetingsToday.com)*

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