



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Tourism Up Six Percent in 2018** | *In the first six months of 2018 Dominican Republic's tourism industry has seen a 6.14 percent increase in visitor arrivals compared to the same time in 2017. The Central Bank of Dominican Republic reported from January – June 2018, the country welcomed 3,440,505 passengers.*
- **30M Historic Renovation Project Underway** | *The Columbus Lighthouse Museum located in East Santo Domingo began a \$30 million renovation project on August 6, with a target re-opening date of November 9, 2018. Updates to the commemorative Christopher Colón museum include repaired infrastructure, revamped displays to the 48 country exhibits and more.*
- **La Romana Property Prepares for 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Open** | *Casa de Campo Resort & Villas released dates for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual golf open, September 12-16. The competition will be held throughout all three Pete Dye courses: Dye Fore, Teeth of the Dog and The Links. The 54-hole individual stroke play competition welcomes men and women across all age groups. [www.CasadeCampo.com](http://www.CasadeCampo.com)*
- **Punta Cana Hotelier Reveals Transformation Plans** | *Melia Hotels International announced its Melia Caribe Tropical resort in Punta Cana will be split into two resorts: Melia Punta Cana Beach Resort, an adults-only property, and Melia Caribe Beach Resort, a family-friendly destination. The two all-inclusive properties located on Bávaro Beach are set for completion November 2018. [www.MeliaHotelsInternational.com](http://www.MeliaHotelsInternational.com)*

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