



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **U.S. Tourism Industry Exceeds \$35B in Earnings** | *Last week Dominican Republic Minister of Tourism, Francisco Javier García reported since 2012 the United States tourism industry has generated \$35B and welcomed over 36 million visitors. García noted in those six years the tourism industry has created an additional 122,270 direct jobs.*
- **Tourism to Dominican Republic Up 5.9 Percent in 2018** | *In the first seven months of 2018 Dominican Republic has welcomed 4.1 million visitors, a 5.9 percent increase compared to the same time in 2017, according to the central bank.*
- **Dominican Republic Named Best Caribbean Destination** | *Travel Weekly recently presented the 12th annual Reader's Choice Awards and crowned the Dominican Republic the premier Caribbean destination. The leading travel awards are compiled by top industry professionals and for the first time since 2014 surpassed 9,000 voters. www.TravelWeekly.com*
- **Flavors of the Dominican Republic Reach New York** | *New Yorker's can experience the cultural vibrancy of Dominican dishes during Taste of Dominican Republic, August 24 through September 2. The 10-day journey presented in large by the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism and Cerveza Presidente, invites New York City locals and visitors to immerse themselves in Dominican delicacies. www.TasteDominicanRepublic.com*

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