



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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### What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Hotel Occupancy Booming** | *The Dominican Republic tourism sector reported a successful summer boasting an 83.3% hotel occupancy rate, according to the National Association of Hotels and Tourism of Dominican Republic (ASONAHORES).*
- **Cap Cana Resort Reveals 35 Million Dollar Renovation** | *Sanctuary Cap Cana reopens its doors after a four-month, 35-million-dollar renovation. The makeover enhanced the hotel's lobby, spa and dining areas and included a restoration of the Spanish Colonial architecture. Two new towers joined the existing resort, making the total available occupancy 324 rooms. [www.TravelMarketReport.com](http://www.TravelMarketReport.com)*
- **Revised Tourist Card Process Shows Success in Dominican Republic** | *ASONAHORES reported the revised tourist card entry process has had great success. Effective April 25, international tourists arriving by air are no longer required to pay the US \$10 fee upon arrival, airline purchases now include the tourist card fee, reducing lines and time spent at the airport upon arrival.*
- **Golf Tourism Continues to Grow in the Dominican Republic** | *At the 2018 Dominican Republic Golf Travel Exchange delegates stated golf tourism has grown 10.5% and is expected to increase another 8.5% throughout the remainder of the year, according to the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) annual second-quarter report. [www.DRGolfTravelExchange.com](http://www.DRGolfTravelExchange.com)*
- **Jarabacoa Highlighted as Top Honeymoon Destination** | *The central hot-spot Jarabacoa, was recently highlighted as a thrill-seeking destination ideal for a honeymoon. The article featured in lifestyle outlet, Far and Wide, featured paragliding as one of many things to do in Jarabacoa's lush mountainous paradise. [www.FarAndWide.com](http://www.FarAndWide.com)*

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