



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's new in Dominican Republic:

- **Dominican Republic Named 2019 Caribbean & Latin American Golf Destination:** *Tour operator members of the global golf tourism organization, International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) have named Dominican Republic the "2019 Golf Destination of the Year for Latin America and the Caribbean". This is the fourth time Dominican Republic has been recognized as the go-to destination for golf travel by IAGTO, making it the most celebrated destination in the region. www.IAGTO.com*
- **Santo Domingo to Celebrate Fashion |** *The 2018 Dominicana Moda fashion event is set for October 24 – 27 taking place for the second time in the Colonial City at Casa Real, Plaza María de Toledo, among other emblematic spaces in Santo Domingo. The internationally recognized event celebrates fashion icons from Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America. The Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism will be honoring the famous Dominican designer, Leonel Lirio at its stand and the event will feature the house of Oscar de La Renta with a fashion show the closing night, as well as other designers throughout the week. www.DominicanaModa.com*
- **Amphitheatre and Campaign Announced for Samaná:** *Last week Francisco Javier García, Dominican Republic Tourism Minister, announced construction of an entertainment amphitheater and tourism campaign, "Samaná Unstoppable". These initiatives support the immense growth of tourism to Samaná and the north coast.*
- **Dominican Property Highlighted as Top All-Inclusive Holiday Resort |** *Travel Noire named Iberostar Costa Dorada as one of the most affordable all-inclusive resorts to visit this Thanksgiving holiday. The resort boasts a family friendly five-star facility with three restaurants, a buffet in addition to other amenities. www.TravelNoire.com*
- **Punta Cana Hotel Set to Unveil Renovations this December |** *Three new Meliá Hotel ventures will be revealed in December. The Grand Reserve, Meliá Caribe Beach Resort and Meliá Punta Cana Beach Resort are all part of a new all-inclusive system. With these new additions the brand will now have seven properties in the Dominican Republic.*
- **Now Nonstop Flights Announced to Santo Domingo |** *Spirit Airlines announced this week they will be offering nonstop flights now through November 7 from Orlando International Airport to Las Américas Airport in Santo Domingo four times a day. According to Spirit Airlines, the flights will go to one departure a day after November 7. This announcement further bolsters tourism to the Dominican Republic's capital, Santo Domingo. www.SpiritAirlines.com*
- **La Romana Property to Host Trio of Golf Events This Fall |** *Casa de Campo Resorts & Villas will host three golf events this fall at celebrated courses such as Pete Dye's Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore and The Links. Events will include the Casa de Campo Pete Dye Celebration Pro-Am, the 13th Annual Twosome Championship and finally, the Casa de Campo Women's Getaway. www.CasaDeCampo.com*

News releases, images and the press kit also can be accessed from the official DR Ministry of Tourism website: www.GoDominicanRepublic.com. For additional photos, b-roll and more specific needs, please contact Annie Holschuh (annie.holschuh@bvk.com) or Callie Murphy (callie.murphy@bvk.com), BVK Word for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.