



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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- **Puerto Plata to Reach 19,000 Rooms by 2019** | Recently, Fausto Fernández the Vice Minister of Tourism of Dominican Republic announced that new construction in Dominican Republic and Puerto Plata will help Puerto Plata reach 19,000 rooms by 2019. This update comes after Puerto Plata welcomed Lifestyle Holidays Vacation Club's Sunrise Suites, a four-story boutique property to the region in October.
- **Two Resorts to Open in December** | Opening on Dec. 15 after a \$30M renovation, the all-inclusive Grand Sirenis Punta Cana on Uvero Alto Beach home to 816 rooms, an Aquagames Waterpark, 10 restaurants, 11 bars, a spa and a casino. Also, in Punta Cana, two new all-inclusive properties, formerly the Memories Splash Resort, now Grand Memories Punta Cana a kids-friendly resort and Grand Memories Splash a higher-end destination both on Bávaro Beach. www.USAToday.com
- **Samaná Property Recognized as Leading Luxury Hotel** | Sublime Samaná was recently highlighted by The Small Luxury Hotels of the World Organization as a finalist in its 2018 best international luxury hotels award. The accolades highlight excellence in everything from dreamy designs and breathtaking suites, embracing social media, the environment and the local community. www.SublimeSamana.com
- **Bávaro Resort Receives 91 Percent Sustainability Compliance Score** | The Green Globe Organization recently recertified the Barceló Bávaro resort with an outstanding sustainability compliance score of 91%. The report also noted the property which is located outside of Punta Cana, recycles 4,000 plastic bottles daily from its restaurants and buffets. Green Globe is a leading certification program developed to guide tourism enterprises along the path to sustainable operations and management. www.GreenGlobe.com
- **Santo Domingo to Host Free Cultural Event** | On December 15 destinations throughout the Colonial City will highlight Dominican monuments and patrimony through an artistic event at museums and historic centers. This free event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. will feature children's workshops, guided tours, live music starting at 6 p.m. and more. Featured destinations include the Alcázar de Colón Museum, The Museum of Royal Houses, The Ozama Fortress and the Christmas tree at the Plaza de España, with a light show at its facades. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com