



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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- **Puerto Plata to Welcome \$125M Cruise Port** | *The Dominican Republic Port Authority recently announced a \$125 million cruise port is pending for 2020. The port will be able to handle 680,000 passengers per year. Five cruise lines are already planning on having cruise ships stop at the new port. This addition will complement the successful Amber Cove port located in Puerto Plata built in 2015.*
- **Punta Cana Named Top Year End Travel Destination** | *According to AAA one-third of Americans will travel this holiday season and Punta Cana was named the fourth most popular warm-weather destination for year-end travel. The report detailed a total of 6.7 million people will travel by air this year, a 4.2 percent increase from 2017. www.AAA.com*
- **Second Annual Dominican Rum Festival Announced** | *The Dominican Rum Festival will return to Puerto Plata July 19-20, 2019. The second edition of the event presented by the Puerto Plata Tourism Cluster aims to celebrate and promote the history and significance of Dominican rum. The event will include workshops tastings, and artistic presentations at the end of each day.*
- **Miches Property Opened Sales for 2019 Debut** | *This month Club Med opened sales for the Club Med Miches Playa Esmeralda, a \$100 million project that will open in December 2019 in Miches on the country's northeast coast. The 93-acre resort will be the first full Exclusive Collection resort in the Americas and will act as the flagship of the region. The resort will be comprised of four boutique villages, each with its own environment, activities and accommodations. www.TravelPulse.com*
- **Cap Cana Property Announces Expansion** | *Eden Roc Cap Cana has added four new oceanfront pool villas, three of the four being one bedroom, the fourth villa has two bedrooms, each with wraparound terraces, private steps leading to the sea and their own infinity pools overlooking the ocean. These additions bring the total units at the luxury property to 38 properties, including 34 standalone luxury pool suites, according to the Caribbean Journal. www.EdenRoc.com*