



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New In Dominican Republic:

- **2018 Flight Arrivals to Dominican Republic Up 6.2 Percent** | According to the Centre for Aviation, tourism to Dominican Republic was up 6.2 percent in 2018 with United States travelers being the number-one source of tourists. www.CentreforAviation.com
- **Largest Known Yellowfin Tuna Captured in Dominican Republic** | Recently named Top 10 Billfishery of the Year, Casa de Campo just made history when Luis Viyella and team caught the largest Yellowfin Tuna ever captured while spearfishing. The yellowfin tuna was 109 inches and weighed an astounding 480 pounds—smashing the last world-record set in 2007 by over 100 pounds.
- **Dominican Republic Tourism Offices to Attend International Tradeshows** | In an effort to promote Dominican Republic's broad offerings the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism (MITUR) and the Puerto Plata Tourism Cluster are attending 2019 travel trade shows. This past weekend both groups attended the Boston Globe Trade Show, Jan. 25-27 they will attend the New York Times Travel Show in addition to the International Tourism Fair in Spain Jan. 17 – 23.
- **Playa Grande Spa Ranked A Top Wellness Retreat for 2019** | CNN recently named Spa Amanera one of the best wellness retreats of 2019. Notable features of the spa include its impressive 2,170-acre oceanfront property home to 25 private villas, and golden sand beaches. Spa-goers can take part in expert wellness seminars, yoga, surfing, indigenous healing treatments, and more. www.CNN.com
- **New Punta Cana All-Inclusive Opens Its Doors** | The latest property from H10 Hotels is open, Ocean El Faro, an all-inclusive resort boasting 618-rooms located on the famous Uvero Alto beach. The hotel offers amenities such as 13 bars, 10 restaurants, a spa center, swimming pools, entertainment, a driving range, and more. H10 is on track to welcome 293-room adults-only phase later this year, El Beso. www.CaribJournal.com

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