



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New In Dominican Republic:

- **Carnival Celebrations in Punta Cana** | *Last week, Grupo Punta Cana hosted the 12th annual Punta Cana Carnival celebration, February 8 and 9. Grupo Punta Cana, through the Grupo Punta Cana Foundation, aims to promote Dominican art and culture. Carnival celebrates Dominican folklore through music, dancing, and elaborate costumes. Punta Cana is just one of the many places that celebrate Carnival in Dominican Republic during the month of February. Over the years this celebration attracted over 15,000 locals and tourists. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com*
- **La Romana and Santiago to Host Cigar Festivals** | *Procigar Festival is coming to La Romana February 17-19 and Santiago February 20-23 to celebrate the historic Dominican cigar industry. International cigar manufacturers, retailers, consumers and likeminded people will gather to enjoy educational seminars, receive facetime with the world's top cigar manufacturers and other exciting activities. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com*
- **Six Must-Do Family Friendly Activities** | *The Points Guy recently detailed six must-do family activities in Dominican Republic. Topping the list was Scape Park in Cap Cana for the endless possibilities for adventure, eco-tourism, and leisure. Following on the list are Santo Domingo's Choco Museo, Sirenis Aquagames, Los Haitises National Park, Damajagua Cascades and Aquamundo Sambil. www.ThePointsGuy.com*
- **Puerto Plata Named Number One Spring Break Destination** | *Elite Daily recently highlighted Puerto Plata a must-visit spring break destination for all types of travelers. Puerto Plata offers stunning Victorian architecture, kayaking excursions on crystal-clear Caribbean water, and an endless supply of vibrant culture. www.EliteDaily.com*
- **Punta Cana Property Named a Chocolate Lover's Paradise** | *RIU's all-inclusive Punta Cana resort was declared a haven for chocolate aficionados. Onsite guests have access to Chocolate & CIA, a workshop where guests can learn from cocoa farmers, learn to prepare beans, and walk away with a chocolate creation of their own. www.CaribJournal.com*

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