



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE

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What's New In Dominican Republic:

- **Arrivals to Dominican Republic on The Rise** | According to the Centre for Aviation arrivals into Dominican Republic overall were up 5.5% in the month of January compared to this time last year. Arrivals coming from the United States were up 17% in that same month. www.CentreForAviation.com
- **Dominican Republic Honored With Gastronomy Award** | For the second consecutive year, Ibero-American Academy of Gastronomy named Santo Domingo the Capital of Gastronomic Culture of the Caribbean. This prestigious award revalidates the successes and recognition of the country's capital as a top-foodie destination. www.Expreso.com
- **New Charter Flights from Kansas City to Punta Cana** | Vacation Express will return nonstop service from Kansas City International Airport to Punta Cana International Airport from February 2019 until August 2, 2019. Miami Air will operate the weekly charter flights which will seat up to 180 passengers. www.AviationPros.com
- **Dominican Republic Named One Of Caribbean's Most Budget-Friendly** | Dominican Republic is considered one of the most affordable destinations in the Caribbean, with the 2019 Backpacker Index ranking Puerto Plata, Samaná and Punta Cana as three of the best locations in all the region for budget-conscious travelers. www.HypeBeast.com
- **Punta Cana To Host April Running Events** | Each year PuntaCana Resort & Club offers marathon, half marathon and 10K races. This year, the races will be held April 7th. Runners can wind down post-race at the property's Six Senses Spa or take a dip in the area's crystal waters. www.PuntaCanaMarathon.com

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