



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**April 29, 2019**

**What's New in Dominican Republic:**

- **Puerto Plata Hotel Occupancy Near 100 Percent During Holy Week** | *Predictions that Holy Week would be an economic stimulator for Dominican Republic rang true with the recent report that Puerto Plata hotels were nearly 100 percent occupied. The president for the Association of Hotels, Restaurants and Tourism Companies of the North (ASONORTE), José Natalio Redondo Galán reported that 15,000 hotel rooms reserved or occupied that last week with an estimate of 100,000 travelers traveling to the north coast. [www.DominicanToday.com](http://www.DominicanToday.com)*
- **Samaná Launches Whale Watching App** | *Thanks to the new Samaná Whale Watcher mobile application tourists can interact with scientific researchers at the touch of a button to report whale sightings. Preserving biodiversity and marine life is a top priority for Dominican Republic, now tourists can support oceanic health, disseminate valuable sighting reports and learn more information about different whale species. Whale watching season runs from January to March in Samaná Bay. [www.DominicanToday.com](http://www.DominicanToday.com)*
- **Taste Santo Domingo Celebrates Dominican Cuisine May 10-19** | *Taste Santo Domingo offers a platform of activities in different locations for the food and beverage industry, offering experiences for every taste. The festival includes a Tapas Route from May 10 to 19; the Gastronomic Expo, from May 15 to 16; the Best of the Best from May 15 to 17; and the GASTROFESTIVAL from May 18 and 19. The weekend will also include family-friendly events, cooking competitions, live music and more. For details visit [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com)*
- **La Romana Property to Host Unique Golf Tournament** | *On May 25, Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog golf course will host a "Player's Challenge" tournament with an all-female caddy staff. Eighteen female caddies from "The Caddy Girls" will work alongside players to help reach their scores while enjoying an unforgettable tournament on the world-famous golf course. [www.DominicanToday.com](http://www.DominicanToday.com)*

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