



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE
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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Puerto Plata Tourism Continues to Grow** | *In 2018, Puerto Plata welcomed 407,568 tourists by air and 518,121 by cruise. According to the figures of the Central Bank, this represents an increase of more than 18% in the arrival of tourists by air, in relation to previous years.* www.DominicanToday.com
- **New Punta Cana Property Opens its Doors** | *After 15 months of construction, Lopesan Costa Bávaro Resort, Spa & Casino opened its doors in Punta Cana. The 5-star hotel contains more than 1,000 rooms and has created over 1,000 new jobs in the area. The colonial-inspired design features seven spectacular pools, lush gardens and many amenities for guests to enjoy.* www.Espreso.com
- **Two United States Cities Now Get Direct Access to Santo Domingo** | *Starting June 8th, American Airlines will run nonstop service from Charlotte Douglass International Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to Santo Domingo as a result of the growing popularity of the capital city. Flights will run every week of Saturday during the summer months.* www.CaribJournal.com
- **Nonstop Flights Offered From Detroit** | *Due to the popularity of Punta Cana as a vacation destination, Delta Airlines just announced new nonstop service from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport to Punta Cana International Airport. The routes are set to commence December 21, 2019.* www.CaribJournal.com
- **New \$2M Grandiose Cap Cana Spa Opens** | *Eden Roc Cap Cana unveiled the world's first Natura Bisse-branded spa. The luxurious spa contains 12 treatment rooms with indoor and outdoor cabins, a 1,200-square foot anti-gravity yoga studio, aqua gardens and a freshwater pool. The \$2 million investment is called the Solaya Spa and Wellness Center and is now available to book treatments.* www.CaribJournal.com

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