



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

- **\$90M Investment Approved for Santo Domingo Developments** | *The Finance Ministry and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) on recently signed a US\$90 million loan contract for the second phase of the tourism and urban development project for Santo Domingo's Colonial City. The Colonial City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, remains one of the most visited tourism destinations in Dominican Republic. www.DominicanToday.com*
- **Puerto Plata Welcomes 51 Percent of Cruise Arrivals** | *In the first four months of 2019 Dominican Republic welcomed 636,579 tourists via cruise arrival, of which 326,825, 51 percent, arrived to Puerto Plata's Amber Cove port, according to the Ministry of Tourism. The additional leading cruise ports were La Romana and Samaná. Year-after-year cruise tourism to Dominican Republic continues to grow. www.DominicanToday.com*
- **Travel Report Highlights Dominican Republic as Top-Summer Destination** | *Research from the 2019 Virtuoso Luxe Report highlighted Dominican Republic as one of the top ten most popular summer travel destinations. The report also showcased that the leading trend is active or adventure travel with a rise in multigenerational family trips. www.TravelPulse.com*
- **New Direct Flights from Boston** | *Delta Airlines announced it will expand its current weekend service to daily seasonal service from Boston Logan International Airport to Punta Cana International Airport in Punta Cana. This expansion starting December 21 further supports the demand in tourism to Dominican Republic. www.Boston.com*
- **Cabarete Highlighted as the Jewel of the North Coast** | *New investments have boosted the north coast destination, including the construction of Presidential Suites by Lifestyle Holidays Vacation Resorts, the complete renovation of the Viva Wyndham Tangerine hotel, Casa Linda Hotel, Haciendas el Choco, and the construction of the Cristal Oasis hotel, among others. If you're looking for adventure, culture and history, Cabarete located outside of Puerto Plata is a must-visit.. www.DominicanToday.com*

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