



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

- **Coral Laboratory Opens at Punta Cana Property** | *On June 8, coinciding with World Ocean Day, Iberostar Punta Cana inaugurated its new Coral Lab. The laboratory is designed to help protect marine life and educate guests about oceanic health and science. The facility is home to 10 species and 180 individual corals and is open to guests and visitors to promote awareness and education about marine biology. www.Expreso.com*
- **Dominican Republic Wins Award of Excellence** | *Dominican Republic was recently recognized the "Best Destination in Latin America" by Price Travel Holiday, a tour operator organization based out of Mexico. In the first quarter of 2019 the arrival of travelers from Mexico increased by more than 48 percent, compared to the same period of 2018, according to Banco Central. www.Experso.com*
- **Puerto Plata to Host Golf Tournament in July** | *Puerto Plata has quickly become a favorite for local and foreign players. On July 6 the seventh edition of the Puerto Plata Golf Classic will take place at the Playa Dorada Golf Course, designed by the renowned Robert Trent Jones Sr. on July 6. This will be the second year with the classification of the Smile Cup. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com*

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