



Dominican Republic welcomes new direct flight to Punta Cana

Winter season 2019/20 will offer new opportunities for Finnish and other Nordic travellers to explore Dominican Republic when Finnair starts its scheduled flight from Helsinki to Punta Cana in December. The new weekly connection is the first ever scheduled flight from Nordics to Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic. Also more Nordic tour operators include Dominican Republic in their programme and increase their capacity to the country.

The new weekly direct flight from Helsinki to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic will be operated with an Airbus A350 aircraft every Friday between December 13, 2019 and March 27, 2020. The first ever scheduled flight from a Nordic capital to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic will increase the amount of Nordic travellers to the Dominican Republic. With good connections from the Nordic capitals and selected cities, it will serve both the Finnish and other Nordic passengers and make it easier for them to explore the country and especially the biggest tourist destination in Dominican Republic, Punta Cana.

– We are delighted of Finnair’s new route opening, which means that passengers from Helsinki can fly directly to Punta Cana and have a new getaway to discover paradise. Punta Cana is Dominican Republic’s most lavish and popular destination. Blessed with one of the Caribbean region’s longest white sand coastlines—a whopping 48 kilometers (30 miles), punctuated with sky-reaching coconut palms—Punta Cana is the land of rest and relaxation by the sea. The sophisticated East Coast of Dominican Republic attracts vacationers from around the world who come to explore and savor the luxuries of Punta Cana. Nestled across 160 kilometres of the world’s top beaches lapped by turquoise waters and dotted with swaying palm trees. It is a great destination and can be one of the starting points of your journey around the country with La Romana and Santo Domingo nearby, where also rich culture and history mingle with delicious gastronomy, warm Dominican people, lively music and magical ecotourism activities, tells **Patricia Polanco de Olmos**, Director of Dominican Republic Tourist Office for Nordic countries.

Besides its paradise beaches, amazing hotels and multiple activities to explore, Punta Cana is also known as the Mecca for Golf in Latin America and Caribbean, as Dominican Republic has become the number one golf destination in the Caribbean, among the top in the world.

The popularity of Dominican Republic is increasing more and more in the Nordics, the amount of Finnish tourists increased by 52 per cent in December 2018 compared to 2017. Finnair started a direct route in November 2017 from Helsinki – Puerto Plata on the North Coast and will continue operating this route next winter. This gives the nordic travelers direct flights to two amazing and diverse destinations in our beautiful country, says Patricia Polanco de Olmos.

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About Dominican Republic

Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, our lush tropical and paradisiacal country boasts nearly 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of coastline, 250 miles (402 km) of the world's top beaches, magnificent resorts and hotels, and a variety of sports, recreation and entertainment options. Here you can dance to the pulse pounding thrill of the merengue, renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, delight in delicious Dominican gastronomy or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges, rivers and beaches. Known for our warm and hospitable people, Dominican Republic is a destination like no other, featuring astounding nature, intriguing history and rich cultural experiences like music, art and festivals, plus uniquely Dominican specialties such as cigars, rum, chocolate, coffee, merengue, amber and Lorimar. Dominican Republic features the best beaches, fascinating history and culture, and is a chosen escape for celebrities, couples and families alike. www.godominicanrepublic.com

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