



## THE TOURISTIC DESTINATIONS OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OPERATING NORMALLY

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – Sept. 9, 2017 – The Dominican Ministry of Tourism reports that the country’s tourist destinations were not negatively affected by Hurricane Irma and are up-and-running as usual.

Airports, roads and ports are operating without interruption as well as public services, such as water and electricity, in touristic areas.

“Hotels and resorts are back to normal and welcoming tourists,” said Dominican Tourism Minister Francisco Javier García. “Thanks to God and to the application of well-planned security and prevention protocols, no tourist or hotel center suffered any serious damage.”

The president of the National Association of Hotels and Restaurants of the Dominican Republic (ASONAHORES), Joel Santos, added “We are pleased that Hurricane Irma passed through the Atlantic coast of our country without causing damages that impede the operation of our hotel infrastructure and the other fundamental services we offer to tourists.”

As of now, the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism can report:

- Hotel facilities in all destinations, such as Punta Cana / Bavaro, Samaná, Sosua, Cabarete, Puerto Plata, La Romana-Bayahibe, Juan Dolio, Santo Domingo, Samaná and others, are operating normally.
- All the airports of the country are operational and the flight itineraries are operating normally – receiving flights from all over America and the main cities of Europe.
- The cruise ports were not damaged and are reestablishing operations.
- Communication routes, such as streets and roads, are free for vehicular traffic.
- All tourist attractions and excursions are functioning normally and welcoming tourists.

The Dominican Republic, a safe destination and #1 vacation spot in the Caribbean, maintains the commitment to offer its visitors a best-in-class experience, superior service and an all-around incredible tourist product based on the highest industry standards.

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