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The Touristic Destinations of Dominican Republic Operating Normally

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – Sept. 8, 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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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 (1,575 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 larimar.

Dominican Republic features the best beaches, fascinating history and culture, and is a chosen escape for celebrities, couples and families alike. Visit Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism's official website at: www.GoDominicanRepublic.com.

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