

## 'Aerotourism' may be Dominican Republic's next big moneymaker



Constanza Airport.

Santo Domingo.- Just one day after the local media reported the Government's interest in drawing aerial tourism to the Maria Montez International Airport (southwest), PRNewswire reports that aviation buffs are flying their small private planes to the Dominican Republic (DR) more and more "due to new pilot-friendly, no-fee policies at domestic and international airports."

It reports that hundreds of private airplanes are soaring to the DR airports in the eastern Caribbean to experience the beauty of the country, sophisticated accommodations, amazing adventures, and the famous warm Dominican welcome.

"The DR government has made a concerted effort to ensure that aviation enthusiasts can enjoy our country's magnificent beauty and fascinating culture using their favorite mode of transportation, flying in their own plane. This pilot-friendly approach has DR airports poised and eager to welcome more private pilots each year," said vice minister Magaly Toribio.

It also reports that the Dominican Civil Aviation Institute (IDAC) is partnering with the U.S. National Aviation Safety Foundation to ensure that their 199,000 member U.S. pilots have the latest information on the 13 airports that enthusiastically welcome them in the DR. "The joint effort will help to inform U.S. pilots about all of the unique cultural, adventure, and historic tourism activities available to them when they visit."

Toribio said her country's initiative to promote private aviation is logical because of private U.S. and other foreign pilots' heightened desire to explore her country. "The DR's enviable position in the Caribbean with sophisticated domestic and international airports, amazing accommodations, unique culture and history, and breathtaking scenery are the main draw."