

Puerto Rico

TRAVEL GUIDE





Welcome

TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Pristine beaches and intoxicating jungles. Incredible food. Centuries worth of history and culture. No passport required for US citizens. The only drawback to visiting Puerto Rico is that if you've never been, you'll be kicking for not visiting sooner.

San Juan is a captivating blend of rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking coastal beauty. From the historic cobblestone streets and centuries-old forts of Old San Juan to the lively atmosphere and golden sands of its pristine beaches, the city offers a dynamic tapestry of experiences that seamlessly merges tradition and modernity. Explore the colorful facades of historic buildings, savor the tantalizing flavors of local cuisine, and immerse yourself in the rhythmic beats of salsa music that echo through the charming streets. Whether you're delving into the island's past at historic sites or unwinding on sun-kissed shores, San Juan promises an unforgettable journey where every corner reveals a new facet of its Caribbean allure.

Where to stay

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OUR TOP PICKS

Condado

Condado caters to those who appreciate the finer things in life. San Juan's most luxurious district is complete with high-class shopping, casinos and upscale clubs and bars. Condado Beach also offers family-friendly watersports, sailing and charters if you're looking for waterbound adventures.

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Isla Verde

Isla Verde Beach is close to the airport and has built a reputation as one of the island's top destinations. This is the place to be if you are looking for a more low-key crowd. The nearby Carolina Beach has become a local and hipster haven.

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Santruce

Santruce has street art, museums and (perhaps best of all) stellar nightlife. Top clubs, awesome venues and more offer a mix of live and authentic Puerto Rican rap, rock and heavy-metal music. If you want to stay in the middle of the action, Santruce is the place for you!

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Rio Grande

Only 30 minutes from San Juan, this tropical paradise combines lush natural beauty with luxury amenities. Home to pristine beaches, world-class golf courses, and the breathtaking El Yunque National Forest, Rio Grande offers a serene escape surrounded by the vibrant hues of the Caribbean.

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Luquillo

About an hour from the hustle and bustle of San Juan, Luquillo offers prime beaches for relaxation and quick access to El Yunque National Forest. The other big draw: Los Kioskos de Luquillo, which feature authentic Puerto Rican cuisine, dancing and live music — especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

Getting around



Car rental

Driving is easy but the traffic and highway signs are in Spanish!



Trolleys

Old San Juan has a free trolley with stops at popular attractions.



UBER / Taxi

Ubers & Taxis are plentiful, but Uber is the cheaper option.



Bike rental

San Juan is bike friendly. Some hotels offer bike rentals for guests.



Water taxi

Water taxis connect San Juan to some of the best beaches in the world, just off the coast.



Walking

Old San Juan is incredibly walkable. Consider taking a walking tour.

Things to do

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OUR TOP PICKS



Old San Juan

With its cobblestone streets and colorful houses, Old San Juan transports visitors to a bygone era. Here you will find shady plazas, alongside cool cocktail bars and renowned Caribbean fusion restaurants.



Beaches

All beaches in Puerto Rico are public and free to enjoy. The beaches in Condado or Isla Verde are great. But for a more local option, take a drive about 30 minutes outside San Juan to Luquillo Beach.



Loiza

Settled by Nigerian slaves, Loiza is a great place to experience Afro Caribbean culture. Try street food and support local artisans and street vendors. Loiza is about a 30 minutes drive from Condado.



Castillo San Felipe del Morro

Perched majestically on the cliffs of Old San Juan, this fort offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and San Juan Bay, inviting visitors to step back in time and immerse themselves in the tales of Puerto Rico's rich past.



Calle de Fortaleza

The vibrant canopy of umbrellas characterizes this unique street of Old San Juan. Here, you can roam the cobblestoned pathways, admire the colonial-era buildings, and shop for souvenirs and handicrafts.



San Juan Botanical Garden

Located on the University of Puerto Rico campus, this free garden is magical. Stop by for a hike, to have a picnic, exercise or just enjoy a bit of green space in the big city.

Places to eat

OUR TOP PICKS



Semilla Kitchen + Bar

Located in Condado, this hidden gem is a treat. Be sure to check them out for brunch!

📍 357 Cll Delcasse



Abracadabra Cafe

This cafe offers a unique and whimsical atmosphere, with colorful decor and creative menu items. Try their brunch too!

📍 1661 Ave Juan Ponce de Leon



Triana Tapas + Flamenco

Delicious Spanish Tapas and Dinner with a Flamenco show on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations required.

📍 251 C. Recinto Sur



Casita Miramar

Vibrant, colorful venue with outdoor dining serving inventive Puerto Rican dishes & craft cocktails. Reservations required.

📍 605 Ave. Miramar

Excursions

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BEST ACTIVITIES



Old San Juan Walking Tour

Explore the colorful buildings and charming streets of Old San Juan. During a two hour walking tour, you will discover key historic sites and gain new insight into Puerto Rican culture. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many stories of the people who helped to define this unique neighborhood.

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Bioluminescent Bay Tour

Enjoy a safe after-dark kayaking adventure to experience the bioluminescence of Mosquito Bay. Paddle in clear and semi-clear-bottomed kayaks and you'll feel totally surrounded by the glowing waters on the island of Vieques. (You will need to take a ferry or flight and stay overnight on Vieques.)

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Carabali Adventure Park

Located between the lush foothills of El Yunque National Rainforest and the crystal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Carabalí Rainforest Adventure Park is a lush outdoor destination with a go-kart track, horseback rides, zip lines, mountain biking & ATVs.

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Bacardi Factory Tour & Mixology Class

Enjoy a taste of the Caribbean during a cocktail-making master-class at Casa Bacardí, the Puerto Rican home of Bacardí rum. Discover the secrets of the world-famous rum as you peek behind-the-scenes on a distillery tour, sip a complimentary welcome cocktail, then learn to make classic cocktails like Mojito and Shaken Pina Colada with a demonstration from an expert mixologist.

To book any of these excursions, contact your Travel Agent at Sakeenah@PNSTravelsLLC.com.

THERE'S ALWAYS A PARTY NEARBY

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Condado

Ashford Avenue transforms into a hub of trendy nightlife after dark with luxurious lounges and swanky clubs.

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Calle Loiza

This trendy spot is a popular place for people to hang out. The area is filled with local restaurants and bars.

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La Placita

After dark, this San Juan farmers market transforms into one of Puerto Rico's liveliest restaurant and bar scenes.

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Distrito T-Mobile

With over a dozen eateries, an urban park, open spaces, and more, this entertainment hub has everything.

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Tulum Nightclub

This nightclub in La Placita serves great cocktails and has live music and dancing. Perfect for the partyers!

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Aguardiente

This is not the place you go to for a chill night; you go for a party and to dance until dawn. Located in La Placita.

FAQ

MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

IS PUERTO RICO SAFE?

Tourism is a huge part of the San Juan economy. So keeping tourist safe is a top priority. Crime is rare and police officers are bilingual. As with any other location, be aware of your surroundings and practice precautions.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL?

Puerto Rico's tropical climate means visitors are treated to warm and sunny weather almost year round. Winter in San Juan is from mid-December through mid-April, when the weather is mostly warm, welcoming and dry. Hurricane season runs from June through November, when the island is the wettest and hottest.

WHAT LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN IN PUERTO RICO?

The official languages of Puerto Rico are English and Spanish. Only 20% of Puerto Ricans speak English fluently, although many working in the service and tourism industry are bilingual.

CAN I STAY CONNECTED?

You don't need an international cellphone plan when traveling to Puerto Rico because the 4G LTE network works with the majority of U.S. cellphone providers. You'll also find free Wi-Fi available at many locations around the island.

IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

The food and drink standards in Puerto Rico are comparable to those of mainland United States. The tap water is safe to drink as it is filtered and treated at the source.

Packing List

Essentials

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance card | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel information | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel agent's information | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards |

Everyday basics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof phone pouch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | |

Travel gear

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel playlist |





Thank you

ENJOY!

As you embark on your journey, may the vibrant colors, warm hospitality, and unique charm of Puerto Rico captivate your heart. Whether you choose to wander through historical sites, immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the landscapes, or simply relax on pristine beaches, we are confident that your time in Puerto Rico will be filled with unforgettable moments.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your travel experience. Safe travels, and enjoy your travel adventure in Puerto Rico!

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