

Discover Puerto Rico: First Destination to Offer Live Guided Tours Through Google Earth

At-home wanderlusters transported via a live tour to discover the wonders of Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 29, 2020- As most of us continue in quarantine in our homes, <u>Discover Puerto Rico</u> is the first destination to entertain and educate would-be tourists and locals by transporting them through Google Earth on live guided tours throughout the Island. Jorge Montalvo from <u>Patria Tours</u>, a local company, will be hosting a series of three live guided tours utilizing Google Earth, during National Travel and Tourism Week (May 3-9). Participants will feel like they are actually enjoying Puerto Rico, seeing the Island's natural wonders, off the beaten path experiences, and cultural offerings, with the ability to interact and ask questions along the way.

"We know that local residents are wishing to leave their houses, while nearly 73 percent of Americans saying they miss travel¹, we want to continue offering ways to vacation virtually," said Brad Dean, CEO of Discover Puerto Rico. "Through these and other activations we've been offering, we've not only been able to keep Puerto Rico top of mind, reminding all of everything that will be waiting for them when the time is right to go out and travel again, but it's also given us the opportunity to highlight valued members of the local tourism industry," he added.

To join the free live guided tours, lasting approximately 30 minutes each, at-home wanderlusters should tune in to <u>Discover Puerto Rico's Facebook page</u>.

- Tuesday, May 5, starting at 5:00PM EST: "Discover the natural wonders of Puerto Rico" like El Yunque (the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest Service), bioluminescent bays in Vieques (Puerto Rico has three of the world's five), Playa Negra in Vieques, Cueva Ventana in Arecibo, and much more.
- Friday, May 8, starting at 5:00PM EST: "Off the beaten path in Puerto Rico," offering an overview of Ponce (the second largest city in Puerto Rico), Rincón (where major surfing competitions take place), Culebra and Flamenco Beach (rated as one of the best beaches in the world), Gilligan's Island (a mysterious mangrove Island where travelers can find shallow crystal water that's ideal for snorkeling), and much more.



Wednesday, May 13, starting at 5:00PM EST: "Road-tripping across Puerto Rico," including cultural sites such as historic lighthouses and colonial buildings like Castillo San Felipe del Morro and Castillo San Cristóbal (which together form part of the San Juan National Historic Site), the Guajataca Tunnel (built in 1904, this tunnel crosses the mountain from Playa Guajataca to Playa Mirador), Cara del Indio in Isabela (an impressive rock sculpture of the Cacique Mabodamaca), and much more.

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