

DISCOVER PUERTO RICO

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PUERTO RICO VACATION PLANNING GUIDE

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Puerto Rico

IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR PUERTO RICO!

It's time for deep breaths and even deeper dives. For simple pleasures, dramatic sunsets and numerous ways to surround yourself with nature. It's time for warm welcomes and ice-cold piña coladas. As a U.S. territory, Puerto Rico offers the allure of an exotic locale with a rich, vibrant culture and unparalleled natural offerings, without needing a passport or currency exchange. Accessibility to the Island has never been easier, with direct flights from domestic locations like New York, Charlotte, Dallas, and Atlanta, to name a few.

Lodging options range from luxurious beachfront resorts to magical historic inns, and everything in between. High standards of health and safety have been implemented throughout the Island, including local measures developed by the Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC), alongside U.S. Travel Association (USTA) guidelines.

Outdoor adventures will continue to be an attractive alternative for visitors looking to travel safely. Home to one of the world's largest dry forests, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System, hundreds of underground caves, 18 golf courses and so much more, Puerto Rico delivers profound outdoor experiences, like kayaking the iridescent Bioluminescent Bay or zip lining through a canopy of emerald green to the sound of native coquí tree frogs.

The culture is equally impressive, steeped in European architecture, eclectic flavors of Spanish, Taino and African origins and a rich history – and welcomes visitors with genuine, warm Island hospitality. Explore the authentic local cuisine, the beat of captivating music and dance, and the bustling nightlife, which blended together, create a unique energy you won't find anywhere else. Learn more at DiscoverPuertoRico.com/travel-professionals.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NO PASSPORTS NEEDED
FOR U.S. RESIDENTS

RIDESHARING
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

(including to/from Luis Muñoz Marín Int'l Airport)

U.S. CELLPHONE PLANS
DO NOT REQUIRE ROAMING

OUR MILD TEMPERATURES
RANGE FROM 70-80
DEGREES YEAR ROUND

ENGLISH IS WIDELY
SPOKEN ACROSS
THE ISLAND

THE CURRENCY IS
U.S. DOLLARS



PUNTA HIGÜERA LIGHTHOUSE
RINCÓN, PUERTO RICO



LA PERLA
OLD SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO



RESTAURANTE LA SOMBRA
ORCOVIS, PUERTO RICO

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A PUERTO
RICO
EXPERT

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SAN JUAN METRO HOTEL MAP



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*PROPERTIES WITH 1,000 SQ. FT. OR MORE OF MEETING SPACE

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1 Mall of San Juan
- 2 Plaza Las Américas
- ✈ Luis Muñoz Marín Int'l Airport (SJU)
- 🏟 Puerto Rico Convention Center
- 🏖 Calle Loíza
- 🏖 Vivo Beach Club
- 🏖 La Placita
- 📶 Distrito T-Mobile™

OLD SAN JUAN

- 1 Villa Herencia Hotel
- 2 Hotel El Convento
- 3 Decanter Hotel
- 4 Hotel Milano
- 5 Da' House Hotel
- 6 Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel

CONDADO

- 7 Caribe Hilton
- 8 The Condado Plaza Hilton
- 9 Condado Ocean Club
- 10 Condado Vanderbilt Hotel
- 11 Olive Boutique Hotel
- 12 La Concha Renaissance Resort
- 13 Atlantic Beach Hotel
- 14 Holiday Inn Express San Juan
- 15 Comfort Inn San Juan
- 16 O.L.V. Fifty Five

PUERTO RICO CONVENTION DISTRICT/MIRAMAR

- 17 El Canario by the Lagoon Hotel
- 18 Coral Princess Hotel - San Juan
- 19 Best Western Plus Condado Palm Inn & Suites
- 20 San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino
- 21 The Wave Hotel
- 22 Canario Boutique Hotel
- 23 AC Hotel by Marriott San Juan Condado
- 24 Doubletree by Hilton - San Juan
- 25 Acacia Boutique Hotel
- 26 Mont Caribe Guest House
- 27 Aloft San Juan
- 28 Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino
- 29 Hyatt House San Juan
- 30 Hyatt Place San Juan
- 31 Hotel Miramar

ISLA VERDE

- 32 Courtyard by Marriott San Juan Miramar
- 33 Ciqala Luxury Suites
- 34 TRYP by Wyndham Isla Verde
- 35 Borinquen Beach Inn Hotel
- 36 Verdanza Hotel
- 37 Embassy Suites by Hilton San Juan - Hotel & Casino
- 38 Royal Sonesta San Juan
- 39 Fairmont El San Juan Hotel
- 40 Hampton Inn & Suites San Juan Resort
- 41 The Ritz-Carlton San Juan
- 42 Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort
- 43 San Juan Airport Hotel
- 44 Mère St. Clair Hotel
- 45 San Juan Water and Beach Club Hotel

DORADO

- 46 Embassy Suites by Hilton Dorado del Mar Beach Resort
- 47 Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve

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GETTING HERE

A I R P O R T S

- San Juan: Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport
- Aguadilla: Rafael Hernández Airport
- Ponce: Mercedita Airport
- Vieques: Antonio Rivera Rodríguez Airport

A I R L I N E S

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, United Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Spirit Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Cape Air, and Silver Airways.

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GETTING AROUND

One of the comforts and conveniences of traveling to Puerto Rico is how easy it is to get around. Deciding the ideal mode of ground transportation for your trip depends mostly on where you're staying and for how long.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT

- Taxis
- Rental Cars (see below)
- Hotel Shuttles
- Rideshare Options
- Public Transportation

TRANSPORTATION FROM CRUISE PORTS

- Taxis
- Rideshare
- Tour Operators
- Walking

RENTAL CARS

If you're planning to be on our Island for over three days and want to venture outside the metropolitan area, renting a car is more practical. There are 14 companies for you to choose from between major car rental companies and smaller local companies.

RIDESHARE

Readily available in all main touristic zones, and to and from the airport.

TAXIS

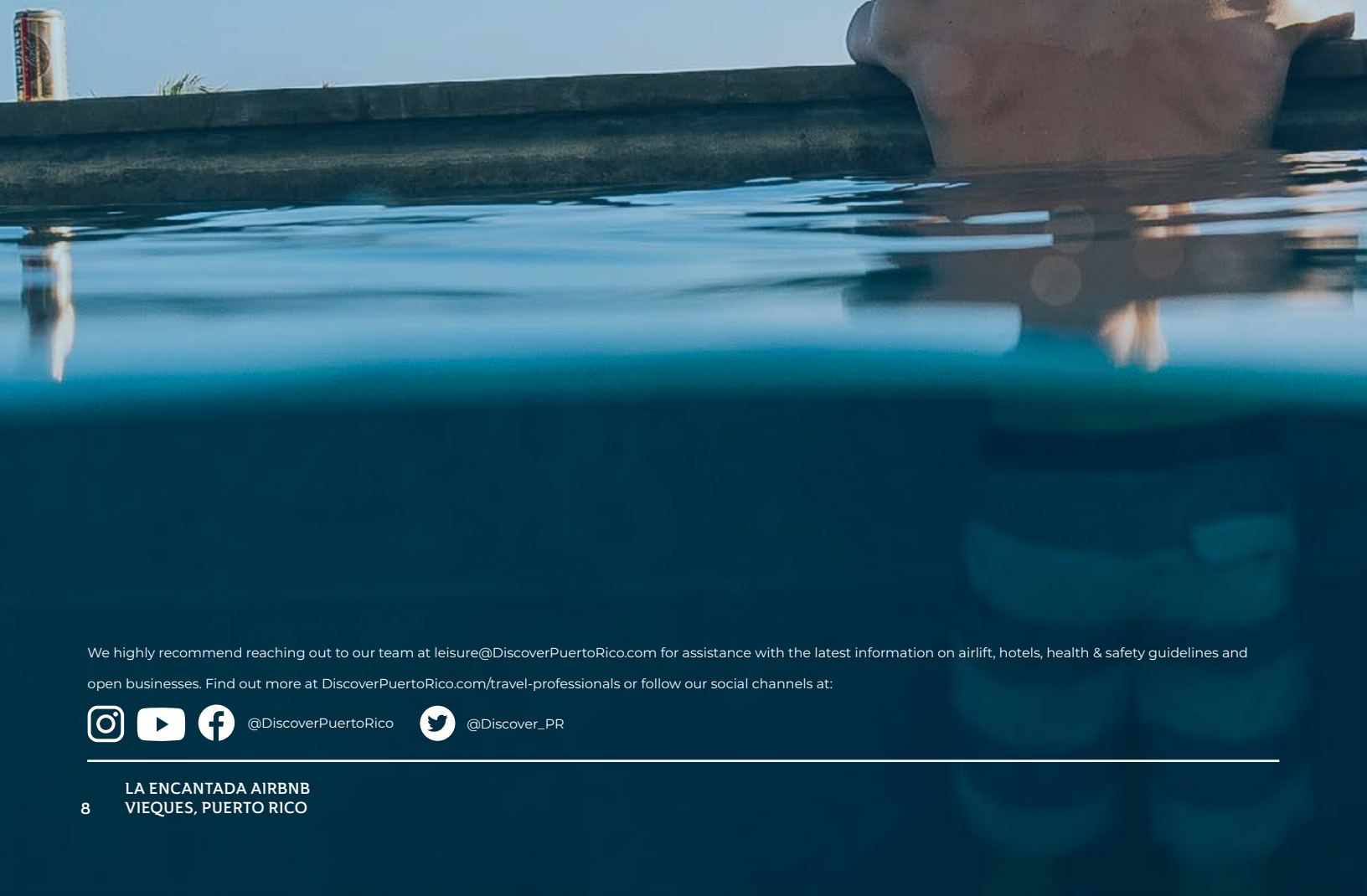
Cabs and shuttles are often found outside the main exits of tourist attractions or at the front doors of most hotels. You can either hail for a taxi or call one to come pick you up.

CHARTERING COACHES

There are several companies that charter coaches, minibuses and vans. For information on transportation companies, please visit our website: <https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/transportation>.

HOTELS & RESORTS

Deciding on accommodations for your clients is nearly as important as choosing the destination itself. In Puerto Rico, it could be a parador (small, family-run hotel) located in a natural reserve next to a spectacular beach; a luxurious resort with private villas and exclusive service; a glamping eco-retreat nestled in a bird sanctuary; a contemporary hotel in one of our cities; or a historic hotel in Old San Juan surrounded by restaurants, local shops and bars to enjoy tropical cocktails. No matter the style of traveling, Puerto Rico offers options to fit every budget and preference.



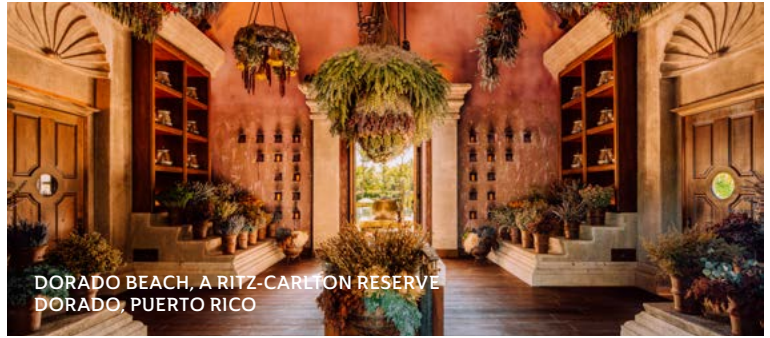
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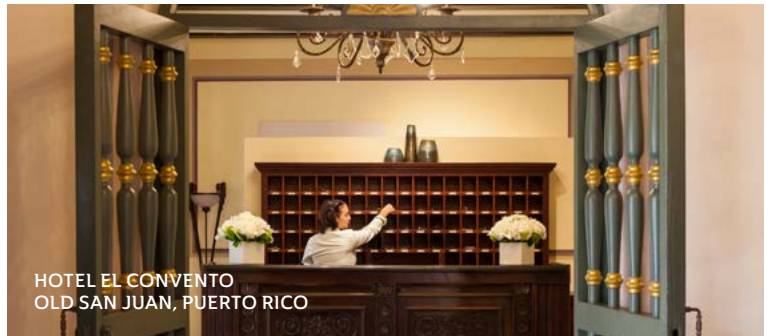
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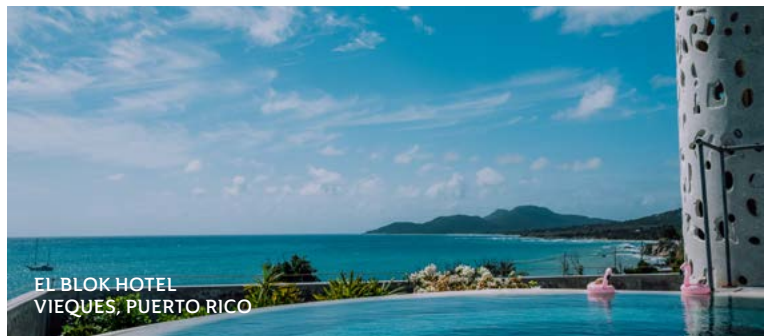
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DORADO BEACH, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE
DORADO, PUERTO RICO



HOTEL EL CONVENTO
OLD SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO



EL BLOK HOTEL
VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

T R A V E L S E A S O N S

Hotels can become fully booked months before the high season, which begins mid-November and ends mid-April. The hotels in San Juan and the east coast are the most popular among off-Island visitors to Puerto Rico. Meanwhile, the South and West regions of the Island are more often frequented by locals, and tend to be busier during summer months, which is the high season for Puerto Ricans traveling around the Island.

ATTRACTIONS & THINGS TO DO

There is always something new
to discover in Puerto Rico.

Measuring roughly 100 miles by 35 miles, the
Island is a treasure trove of culture and history,
outdoor adventure, amazing gastronomy,
and world-class beaches. But what are some
attractions you absolutely shouldn't miss?



OLD SAN JUAN

For most visitors, the first stop is historic Old San Juan, one of the best preserved Spanish colonial cities in the world. Walking through the narrow streets lined with colorful buildings and cobblestones, you'll be treated to gorgeous views of the San Juan Harbor from atop the centuries-old stone walls.

History and culture buffs will fall in love with the forts and other monuments around the city, the legacy of 500 years of Spanish occupation. You can also pop into any of the dozens of small museums and art galleries all around the city.

After walking around for a while, cool down with a popsicle made with tropical fruit; sit down at a chic coffee shop for farm-to-table coffee; or try garlicky, crunchy mofongo. At night, visit one of the city's many cocktail bars for a rum-based libation or local craft beer.

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EL YUNQUE

The only rainforest in the United States, El Yunque National Forest will be a highlight of any trip to Puerto Rico. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails for all skill levels, hidden swimming holes, or monthly workshops and guided hikes offered by friendly forest rangers.



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TOROVERDE

Adrenaline junkies! Make your way up the mountain to ToroVerde, the largest adventure park in the Caribbean. Ride The Beast, the longest zipline in the Americas and second longest in the world; or enjoy a mix of ziplining, rappelling, and suspension bridges with spectacular views of the central mountain range.



FLAMENCO BEACH

Considered one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, Flamenco Beach is a two-mile sandy crescent of shallow, turquoise water located on the Island municipality of Culebra. There are hotels and villas nearby, as well as a campground and beach kiosks selling food, drinks and beach supplies.



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CUEVA VENTANA

One of the most recognizable caves in Puerto Rico isn't underground but instead looks out over the Rio Grande de Arecibo valley, creating a window-like opening on the sheer rock face of a mountain. This unique framing of the valley, river and town below earned the cave its name, Cueva Ventana (Window Cave), and both locals and visitors eagerly snap photos of the Instagram-worthy view from the cave's opening.

DISCOVER PUERTO RICO BY REGION

There are lots of reasons to get out and explore in Puerto Rico. The Island is composed of 78 municipalities in seven different regions, each with a unique identity that comes through in distinct cultural activities, ecosystems (from rainforest to dry forest), and tourist attractions. Experience more of the Island during your visit and discover mouthwatering cuisine, beautiful, off-the-beaten-path beaches, exciting festivals, and more.



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COLUMPIO DE LOS SUSPIROS
NAGUABO, PUERTO RICO



CASA BACARDÍ
CATAÑO, PUERTO RICO



RESTAURANTE CASITA BLANCA
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

M E T R O

Where history and culture
intersect with bustling city life

The metropolitan area refers to seven towns that make up the urban “downtown” of Puerto Rico, including the capital, San Juan. Discover amazing restaurants, bars and shops while exploring the urban side of Puerto Rico.

T H I N G S T O D O

Old San Juan

La Placita de Santurce, Calle Loiza,
Miramar, Calle Cerra, Casa Bacardí

Plaza Las Americas, Mall of San Juan,
Plaza Carolina, San Patricio, Plaza Rio Hondo

Beaches: El Escambrón,
La Playita de Condado, Isla Verde,
Balneario de Carolina, Ocean Park



TANAMÁ RIVER EXPERIENCE
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO



ROYAL ISABELA
ISABELA, PUERTO RICO

NORTH

Unique landscapes and unforgettable beaches, all facing the Atlantic ocean

Nine towns comprise the north region of Puerto Rico, also known as the northern karst region because of its large limestone hills. The landscape diversity of the karst belt make it unique in the world, and many northern beaches are known for their impressive rock formations.

THINGS TO DO

Cueva Ventana

Tanamá River Experience

Cheese Making at Vaca Negra

Hacienda La Esperanza

Puerto Rico Premium Outlets

Beaches: Mar Chiquita, Cerro Gordo,
Poza de las Mujeres, Playa Esperanza

MAR CHIQUITA
MANATÍ, PUERTO RICO



FRESH COCONUT
LUQUILLO, PUERTO RICO



LAGUNA GRANDE BIOLUMINESCENT BAY
FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

E A S T

**Secluded beaches, a legendary
rainforest and Island excursions**

This region of the Island — comprised of 15 towns and a legendary rainforest — offers scenic views, leisurely beaches and quaint food stands to enjoy after a day in the water.

THINGS TO DO

El Yunque National Forest

Piñones

Luquillo Kiosks

Carabali Rainforest Park

Catamaran Excursions

Laguna Grande Bioluminescent Bay

Beaches: Balneario La Monserrate, Seven
Seas, La Pared, La Posita de Piñones

Hacienda Siesta Alegre



RINCÓN, PUERTO RICO



CABO ROJO, PUERTO RICO

WEST

**Laid-back vibe, world-class surfing
and the Island's best sunsets**

Home to some of the best beaches in Puerto Rico, the west region is the undisputed surfing capital of Puerto Rico. The feel on the west side of the Island is different from the hustle and bustle of the San Juan area. Towns here have a more laid-back, beach vibe and a slower pace of life.

THINGS TO DO

Guanica Dry Forest

La Parguera and Bioluminescent bay

Cabo Rojo Lighthouse, Salt
Flats, and Wildlife Reserve

Rincón Art Walk

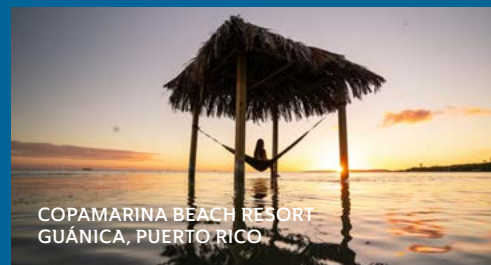
Surfing in Aguadilla and Rincón

Beaches: Jobos, Domes, Maria's, Steps, Crash
Boat, Survivor Beach, Boquerón, Combate,
Playa Buyé, Ballena... too many to list

Go and taste Brazo Gitano



SALT FLATS
CABO ROJO, PUERTO RICO



COPAMARINA BEACH RESORT
GUÁNICA, PUERTO RICO



CAJA DE MUERTO
PONCE, PUERTO RICO

S O U T H

**Historic architecture, wonderful
paintings and natural beauty**

Get to know the Island's hub of culture and history. Puerto Rico's southern region is comprised of eleven towns including the Pearl of the South, Ponce. In the south you can visit interesting museums, architectural gems and natural wonders.

T H I N G S T O D O

Museo de Arte Ponce

Caja de Muertos Island

Castillo Serrallés

La Guancha

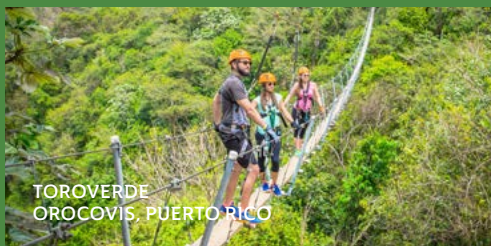
Tibes Indigenous Ceremonial Park

Parque de Bombas

Coamo Hot Springs

Albergue Olímpico

Beaches: Gilligan's, Playa Santa,
Playa Manglillo, Playa Tamarindo



TORO VERDE
OROCOVIS, PUERTO RICO



GUAVATE
CAYEY, PUERTO RICO

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS

Small towns, culinary adventures
and stunning views

Away from the coast is la Cordillera Central, Puerto Rico's interior mountain region, which runs from east to west through 15 municipalities. With a history and culture rooted in agriculture, this region has diverse vegetation and produces most of the Island's coffee, which you can taste at several haciendas.

THINGS TO DO

ToroVerde Adventure Park

Guavate (Pork Highway)

Tanamá River Caving Adventure

Cañón San Cristobal

Lago Dos Bocas

Puerto Rico Coffee Museum

Coffee Plantations: Hacienda Tres Ángeles,
Hacienda San Pedro, Hacienda Lealtad,
Hacienda Pomarrosa, Café Nativo

Panoramic Route

Ruta de la Longaniza (Sausage Route)



TANAMÁ RIVER
UTUADO, PUERTO RICO



FLAMENCO BEACH
CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO



VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO



VILLA TAMPICO
CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO

CULEBRA & VIEQUES

World-famous beaches,
bioluminescent bay and more

Puerto Rico is an archipelago, so it has dozens of cays and islets. Just a short boat ride from the mainland, the enchanting Islands of Culebra and Vieques are home to world-renowned beaches and the world's brightest bioluminescent bay. Whether you're coming for a day trip or making it an extended stay, these two Islands are worth the trip, and both are world-class destinations in their own right.

THINGS TO DO

Bioluminescent Mosquito Bay

La Ceiba Ecological Park

Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

Vieques National Wildlife Refuge

Beaches: Flamenco Beach, La Chiva, Caracas Beach, Black Sand Beach, Tamarindo Beach, Luis Peña Beach, Playuela Beach, among others

SAY “I DO” IN PUERTO RICO

With breathtaking scenery, a tropical climate, and an inviting culture that takes great pride in its warmth and hospitality, Puerto Rico will delight couples who want to tie the knot in the Caribbean.

From the beach to the rainforest and everywhere in between, beautiful and memorable settings abound for your big day.



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HACIENDA SIESTA ALEGRE
RÍO GRANDE, PUERTO RICO



WEDDING VENUES

For a destination wedding that embraces beauty, Puerto Rico never disappoints. No matter your style, budget or the size of your guest list, the possibilities for perfect venues are endless in Puerto Rico.

- Coastal: The Island is lined by nearly 300 miles of coastline, from white-sand beaches to dramatic rocky cliffs.
- Verdant: Head up to the mountains or to El Yunque rainforest for spectacular views and charming, rustic chic venues.
- Elegant: If a sophisticated city affair suits your tastes, there's a wealth of incredible options, from world-class museums, Old World cathedrals, historic monuments, and luxurious hotels and resorts.
- For sumptuous rehearsal dinners, brunches and more, treat your guests to everything from a five-star meal in Old San Juan to a sand-in-your-toes dinner in Rincón.

WEDDING SERVICES

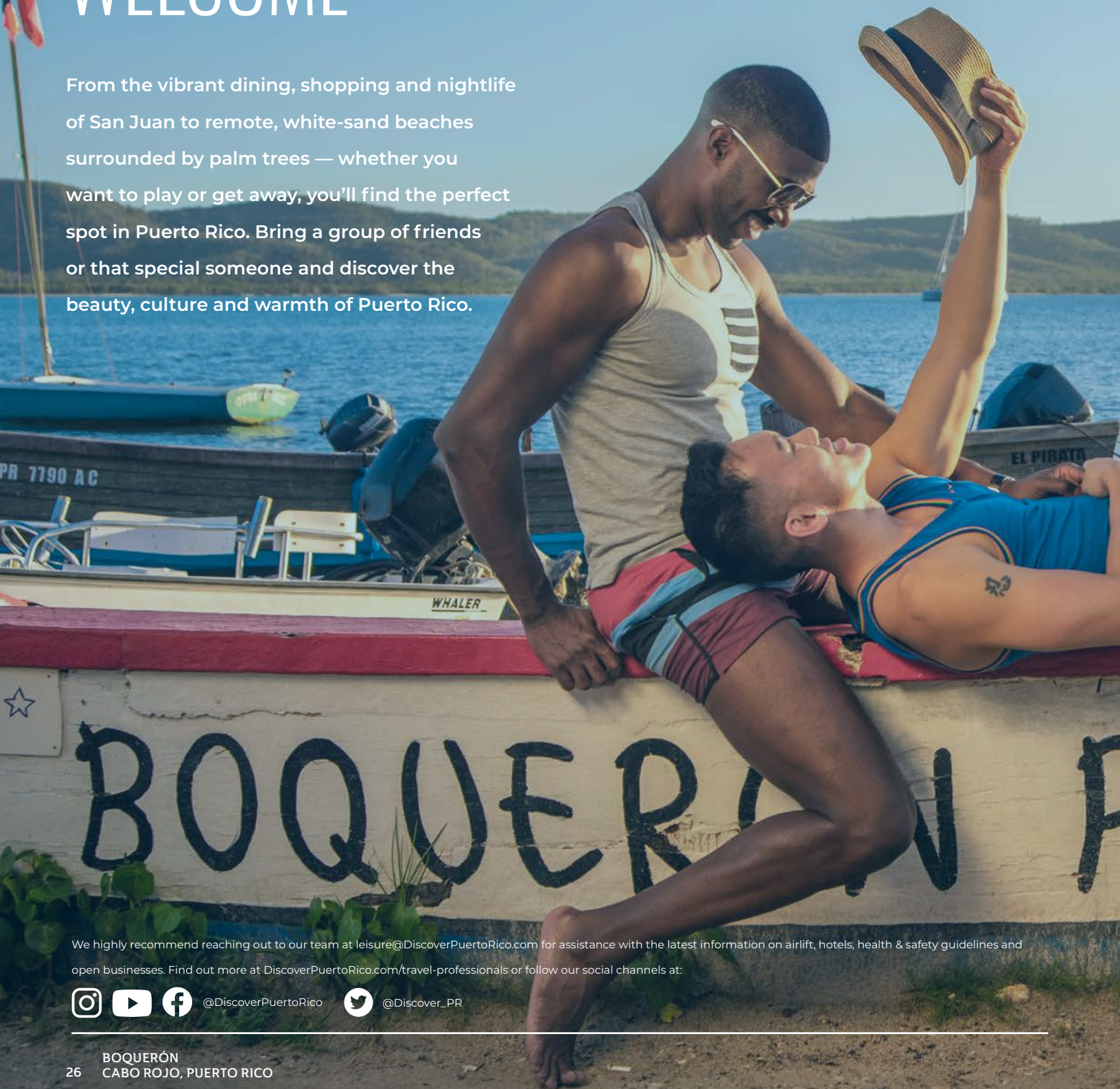
In Puerto Rico, photographers, planners, caterers, florists, hair stylists, and entertainers are at your disposal, ready to make your big day the special event that you and your guests deserve. Throughout the Island, wedding service providers are experienced in navigating the unique challenges that come along with a Caribbean wedding, leaving you free to focus on celebrating.

HONEYMOON INSPIRATION

You've said "I do," danced the night away, and bid adiós to your guests. Now it's time to enjoy some quality one-on-one time with your sweetheart. Newlyweds can embark on scenic drives through the mountains, sit down for a candle-lit dinner, explore some of the Caribbean's most historic sites, or simply enjoy a sunset walk on the beach. Adventurous couples are in for a thrill with adrenaline-pumping activities like scuba diving, ziplining and horseback riding. Or, if relaxation is on your agenda, you can unwind on a lounge chair with your feet in the sand before indulging in a couple's massage at a world-class spa.

LGBTQ+ EVERYONE IS WELCOME

From the vibrant dining, shopping and nightlife of San Juan to remote, white-sand beaches surrounded by palm trees — whether you want to play or get away, you'll find the perfect spot in Puerto Rico. Bring a group of friends or that special someone and discover the beauty, culture and warmth of Puerto Rico.



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O A S I S

If you're staying in Condado, Oasis will quickly become your friendly neighborhood bar. The staff is welcoming and the happy hour deals are terrific.

T Í A M A R Í A L I Q U O R S T O R E

Don't be fooled by the name. The Tía María Liquor Store is a fun and vibrant bar, warm and welcoming, and attracts both LGBTQ guests and their allies.

T H E B E A R T A V E R N

On Calle Loíza, The Bear Tavern is catered toward, well, you guessed it ... bears, otters and cubs!

Z A L S I P U E D E S M I N I B A R

This self-proclaimed gay "minibar" features nightly acts with drag queens, singers, strippers, and poets. Shows usually start at midnight.

B A B Y L O N

One of Santurce's newest dance clubs, Babylon has a back room, hunky go-go boys and a sexy vibe.

U N D E R G R O U N D Q U E E R S C E N E

The underground queer nightlife scene in San Juan is among the most raucous, diverse and artistic as any in the Caribbean. In Santurce, mid-sized underground venues like El Local, El Hangar and La Respuesta are hotspots that hosts DJs and performers. Nearby in Río Piedras, you'll find Club 77, another underground favorite.



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