

The city of San Juan metro area is made up of multiple barrios with plenty to do. These include Old San Juan, Condado, Santurce, and Isla Verde (technically part of the municipality of Carolina, but still part of the San Juan metro area) among others. These areas are all walkable and safe, when exercising the normal precautions that you should consider when travelling. Each barrio is just a short rideshare or cab ride from the Caribe Hilton (5-15 minutes).

The concierge services of the Caribe Hilton offer many activities for adults and kids to explore San Juan and its region. We refer to these tours in the different sections below. They can be booked and paid for directly with the hotel: for more info and booking, contact the concierge at caribehiltonconcierge@gsipuertorico.com or call 787-721-0303 Ext. 6841.

## SAN JUAN AREA

#### Condado

• Condado Beach and Ashford Avenue: a 10-minute walk from the Caribe Hilton where you can enjoy the beach, shopping, and plenty of food options

#### Condado Lagoon (services offered by hotels)

- Early morning Kayaks with the Manatees: one-hour tours starting early morning (6:30am) before the conference first sessions
- LED Night Kayaks: Paddle around the lagoon, under the stars, and underneath the historic bridge while enjoying the LED glow of your kayak (or SUP) as well as the City Lights surrounding the Condado Lagoon. The kayaks and SUP's have clear bottoms; creating a "window into the lagoon!" You may be able to spot night critters such as tiny bait fish, giant orange star fish, lobsters, sting rays, and more.
- Pedal Kayaking Adventure: Pedal technology allows riders to enjoy the kayak adventure with much less effort compared to a conventional kayak; allowing you to better take in the city views, mangroves, and search for marine life. (Sea life: Sea stars, birds, and possibly manatees!)

#### Old San Juan:

- Walk the Paseo del Morro for a scenic view on San Juan Bay. You can start the trail from the Raices Fontain and walk toward Castillo San Felipe Del Morro
- Santa Maria Magdalena de Pazzi Cemetery
- The Cathedral Of San Juan Bautista
- Walk down Calle de la Fortaleza
- Visit the Bacardí Rum Distillery (in the municipality of Cataño, but accessible via the ferry from Old San Juan)



## SAN JUAN AREA (CONTINUED)

- Take a guided tour of Old San Juan: The concierge services of the hotel offer some historical
  or food tours, including at sunset.
- Take a boat tour to enjoy beautiful views of Old San Juan from the sea: the hotel organizes some water cycling, mini boats, catamaran snorkeling, sailing, or fishing tours.

#### Santurce:

- Santurce Street Art (10-min drive from Caribe Hilton Hotel)
- Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico: for a look at contemporary Puerto Rican art
- T-Mobile Entertainment District: a new entertainment district with food, drink, event venues, and even an urban park with zip lines

#### Isla Verde:

• Isla Verde Beach (15 min drive from the Caribe Hilton Hotel)

### EATING AND DRINKING

#### Condado

- 1919 Restaurant: fine dining, 787-721-5500, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Almaviva: seafood, 787-918-8881, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Arya Rooftop: international cuisine, 787-705-9409, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Cayo Blanco: seafood, 939-337-0397, rsvp (\$\$)
- Cocina Abierta: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-946-1333, rsvp (\$\$)
- Condal: tapas / Spanish cuisine, 787-725-0023, rsvp (\$\$)
- Havana Bar & Grill: Cuban cuisine, 787-646-0003, walk in (\$\$)
- Jose Enrique: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-705-8130, walk in (\$\$\$)
- Kabanas: Mexican cuisine, 787-419-1016, walk in (\$)
- La Bodeguita de Manolo: international cuisine, 939-399-0001, rsvp (\$\$)
- Mario Pagan: international cuisine, fine dining, 787-522-6444, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Raya: Asian cuisine, fine dining, 787-705-0820, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Ropa Vieia: Cuban cuisine, 787-428-0237, walk in (\$)
- Sage Steak Loft: steakhouse, fine dining, 787-728-3535, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Serafina: seafood 787-722-5050, rsvp (\$\$)
- Social: international cuisine, 787-625-5900, rsvp (\$\$)

#### Old San Juan

- · Chocobar Cortés: for breakfast and brunches
- La Casita de Rones: for drinks and snack on the waterfront
- Plaza Dársena: sample Puerto Rican street food from the food trucks
- Barrachina: an institution to taste traditional Puerto Rican cuisine and the world-famous piña colada
- Hotel El Convento restaurant and patio bar
- Cafe el Punto: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-646-4953, walk in (\$)
- Carli's Fine Bistro: international cuisine, 787- 484-8438, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Deaverdura: Puerto Rican Cuisine, 787-463-1038, walk in (\$\$)



## **EATING AND DRINKING (CONTINUED)**

#### Additional Old San Juan recommendations from the hotel

- La Lanterna: Italian cuisine, fine dining, 787 340-8188, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- La Mallorquina: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-722-3261, walk in (\$\$\$)
- Marmalade: international cuisine, fine dining, 787-724-3969, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Princesa Cocina Cultura: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-723-7878, rsvp (\$\$)
- Santisimo: international cuisine, 787 723-9020, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Sofia's: Italian cuisine, 787-727-6161, rsvp (\$\$)
- Triana Tapas & Flamenco: Spanish cuisine, 787-725-8819, rsvp (\$\$)
- Trois Cent Onze: French cuisine, 787-725-7959, rsvp (\$\$\$)

#### Santurce

- Santaella: restaurant (modern Puerto Rican cuisine)
- La Placita de Santurce: a classic local hangout for food, drinks, dancing, and more
- The restaurant section of Calle Loíza: former Dominican neighborhood transformed into one
  of the top gastronomic destinations in San Juan. Diversity and abundance of cuisines and
  styles of restaurant, spanning from classic Puerto Rican comida criolla to an authentic
  Mexican taguería to Korean BBQ to creative mac and cheese and much more.

#### Isla Verde:

- Caña by Juliana Gonzalez: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-791-1000, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Hijole: Mexican/Puerto Rican mix cuisine, 787-936-2464, walk in (\$)
- Kumo Rooftop: Asian cuisine, 787-728-3666, walk in (\$\$)
- Marisqueria Atlantica: seafood, 787-726-6654, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Meat Market: international cuisine, 787-961-8700, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Metropol: Cuban cuisine, 787-791-5585, walk in (\$)
- Platos: Puerto Rican cuisine, 787-791-7474, walk in (\$)
- Ruth Chris: steakhouse, 787-253-1717, rsvp (\$\$\$)
- Sirena oceanfront: seafood, 787-791-0404, rsvp (\$\$)
- Tomate: Mexican cuisine, 939-338-4884, walk in (\$)



# LEAVING SAN JUAN FOR THE DAY

The concierge services of the hotel offer several tours including hiking on trails, ziplining over the forest flora, horseback riding, four track vehicle riding. Excursions can be booked directly with the concierge at caribehiltonconcierge@gsipuertorico.com.

- El Yunque National Forest (45 minutes away). Experience a lush rainforest in the heart of Puerto Rico. Certain areas require tours or advanced reservations for access.
- Visit a coffee farm to see how Puerto Rican coffee is grown and produced
- See a bioluminescent bay in Fajardo (1 hour away)
- If you need a place to stay outside of the city, El Conquistador Resort is a great option in Fajardo (1 hour away)
- The hotel also organizes excursions to North Coast and West Coast beaches and historical villages.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- A non-profit that supports Puerto Rico: https://www.friendsofpuertorico.org
- Additional resources for those who want to something before or after the conference: https://localguest.com
- For babysitting, the Caribe Hilton recommends this service: https://www.nannyoncallpr.com/

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