



A GUIDE TO ESCAPING THE CONVENTIONAL.

METROPOLITAN SAN JUAN

If your attendees don't have time to venture around the island but still want to explore, the capital city of San Juan and its surroundings are perfect. The most cosmopolitan city in the Caribbean, San Juan has it all – from beaches to museums, malls, restaurants, nightclubs, and concert halls.

ATTRACTIONS

Old San Juan is an absolute must-see. Settled in 1521, it's the oldest historic district under the U.S. flag and a designated World Heritage site. Most of its fortresses and urban squares, government

buildings and colonial homes have been meticulously restored. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended since these streets are cobblestone. Historical tours and visits into the many museums, art galleries, restaurants, and stores make it a fascinating journey into the past.

SHOPPING

The exclusive Condado district is the place. Forget to pack comfortable walking shoes to explore Old San Juan? No worries, pick up a pair here. Seeking high fashion? Ashford Avenue is Puerto Rico's version of Rodeo Drive or Fifth Avenue. Condado is a who's who of boutiques, fusion bistros, a fair trade bazaar and tourist shops. And though it is the ritziest neighborhood in

San Juan, planners can often find great deals at the oceanfront hotels.

MUSEUMS/ART GALLERIES

There are 12 museums just in Old San Juan alone, enough to feed any cultural craving attendees might have.

BEACHES

Many hotels have beachfront access in San Juan, but all beaches are open to the public..

NORTH

Puerto Rico's newest tourist region with natural and scientific wonders, large resort accommodations including a 6-star hotel, and one of the world's finest golf courses.

SOUTH

Meaning "Doorway to the Caribbean," this Southern part of Puerto Rico is full of cultural and historic relics from both Spanish aristocracy and pre-Taíno civilizations. The "Beautiful South" also offers a dry forest, mangrove bays, and stunning beaches facing the Caribbean Sea.

EAST

Not to play favorites, but if the East Coast of Puerto Rico isn't paradise, we don't know what is. In fact, highlight this section. Put gold stars next to its attractions and activities. Stunning beaches, check. The only U.S. subtropical rainforest, check. Oceanside championship golf courses, check. Offshore island

getaways, check. Bioluminescent bays, checkity-check – because there are not one, but two.

VIEQUES ISLAND

Just under two hours from Fajardo is 52 square miles of unscheduled peace and tranquility. Wild horses. Unspoiled beaches. No traffic lights or fast-food restaurants. Boutique accommodations that range from avant-garde to elegant, including a W Retreat and Spa. Oh, and another ethereal bioluminescent bay. The island is also home to three museums – one set in a fort, one in a lighthouse, and one on a former sugar estate.

CULEBRA ISLAND

This island is 11 square miles of scooter-riding, windsurfing, sailing Nirvana. Visitors come here to disconnect from the world and lose themselves amongst dozens of beautiful coral reefs and beaches. From April to June, the Leatherback and Hawksbill turtles hit the beach to nest. Theodore Roosevelt designated most of Culebra's offshore cays as a National Wildlife Refuge, primarily for migratory birds.

WEST

This west coast diver's and surfer's paradise, known as Sun Gate, offers something the rest of Puerto Rico can't: sunsets over the Atlantic Ocean.

CENTER

Some planners might gloss over the Center Region of Puerto Rico, but that would be their loss. The center is an adventure from start to finish. The Cordillera Central offers everything you'd expect from the mountains – panoramic views, 165 miles of scenic winding roads, stellar waterfalls, vistas and peaks overlooking the coast, small towns... plus something not typically expected: a chance to really pig out.