

SHORE EXCURSIONS

San Juan, Puerto Rico

OLD SAN JUAN & FORTRESS GUIDED WALKING TOUR



From \$59.95
Duration: 2 ½ Hours
Activity Level: Moderate

DETAILS:

What You Will Visit:

- **Old San Juan** – Just imagine founder Ponce de León walking on these same cobblestone streets, brilliantly paved with adoquine, a blue stone that's cast from furnace slag. This seven-to-ten block area boasts over 400 carefully restored 16th and 17th century Spanish colonial buildings. After boarding your transportation you'll disembark at the oldest Spanish fort in the New World.
- **Fort San Felipe del Morro** – Your exploration of Old San Juan begins with a tour of El Morro, a National Historic Site. Built between 1540 and 1589, the fort covers over 70 acres and features six levels that rise from sea level to 145 feet. Your guided walk continues through the Ballaja Barracks, formerly a military barracks which now houses the Museum of the Americas. Explore the grounds and its museum while enjoying sweeping views of San Juan Bay and the coastline.

Photo Opportunity:

- Exterior shots of some of the oldest churches in the United States are lovely keepsakes of your journey through this nearly 500-year-old city.
- San Juan Cathedral boasts one of the finest and oldest examples of Gothic-influenced religious architecture built by the Spanish in the New World.
- San Juan Bautista Cathedral sits in the heart of Old San Juan. The history of the church dates to 1521 but the elegant Gothic façade you see today evolved over centuries.

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- Cristo Chapel, perched atop the ancient wall that once protected the old city, is home to the tomb of founder Ponce de León.

What You Will See Along The Way: During your walking tour, you'll stop at the lovely Plaza La Rogativa, considered the most scenic plaza in San Juan with 180-degree views of the bay, El Yunque National Rainforest, and the historic walkways along the city walls.

NOTES: Entrance fee to El Morro Fortress is included. The walk covers approximately one half to three-quarters of a mile. It is typically hot in Old San Juan; please dress accordingly and take adequate precautions regarding the heat and sun.

CHILD PRICE (12 & under): Reduced

BEST OF SAN JUAN: OLD AND NEW CITY TOUR & SHOPPING



From \$64.95
Duration: 2 ½ Hours
Activity Level: Moderate

DETAILS:

What You Will Visit:

- **Old Town San Juan** – Usually the first port of call for Spanish ships arriving in the colonial Americas, San Juan, today, is a historic jewel that showcases colonial architecture, impressive fortresses, spacious plazas, picturesque scenery, and an abundance of cultural delights.
- **San Cristóbal Fortress** – Castillo de San Cristóbal sits at the entrance to the Old City. Built between 1634 and 1771, San Cristóbal was one of the largest defenses ever built in the Americas. Projecting 150 feet above water, its intricate modular design was intended to intimidate invaders. This strategic masterpiece is now a UNESCO World Heritage and National Historic Site.

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Photo Opportunity: As you stroll the grounds of San Cristóbal Fortress, you'll find one photo-worthy shot after another. From its watchtowers to its mortar balls to its breathtaking views, the fort is a photographer's delight.

Shopping: Located at the entrance to Old San Juan, Plaza Colon is a flurry of local artisans selling their crafts and vendors serving up fruits and refreshments.

What You Will See Along The Way: Once in San Juan's Old Town, your narrated drive will take you past the city's highlights, allowing for photo opportunities from the comfort of your seat.

NOTES: Due to walking required at the fort, the activity level is substantial. The fort is not wheelchair accessible. There is a steep ramp to access the fort (about 65 paces one way). The first level features the barracks, gun rooms, and video presentation. The next level requires walking up another steep ramp (about 35 paces one way). Accessing the third level observation ports (for the best views of the city) requires going up another steep ramp (about 65 paces one way). Some of the stops are unguided allowing guests to browse on their own. Traffic in old and new San Juan can be congested. Alternate routes are implemented whenever possible.

CHILD PRICE (12 & under): Reduced

PUERTO RICO'S FAVORITES



From \$74.95
Duration: 4 ¼ Hours
Activity Level: Moderate

DETAILS:

What You Will Visit:

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- **El Yunque National Rainforest** – Sprawled over a vast 28,000 acres, the forest is home to 240 species of trees, 50 species of ferns and 20 different varieties of beautiful wild orchids. Capture the beauty of this natural treasure with a climb up the 1,575-foot-high Observation Tower. From the deck you'll have spectacular views from the coast to picture-perfect El Yunque Peak. And you may witness the famous tree frogs launching into the air from the forest canopy.

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What You Will See Along The Way: This tour unveils the sights as you drive around town. Travel past historical landmarks such as the Capitol Building, which sits just outside the walls of Old San Juan; marvel at San Juan's National Historic Zone, which boasts over 400 buildings of historic importance; and enjoy the panoramic views of Condado District, famous for its pristine beaches, upscale hotels, and casinos.

ATV SCENIC SAFARI



From \$229.95
Duration: 4 ½ Hours
Activity Level: Strenuous

DETAILS:

What You Will Visit: Hacienda Carabali Ranch – Take the wheel of an ATV and varoom through the Carabali Rainforest Park, which sits at the foothills of Puerto Rico's El Yunque National Forest. After you arrive at the ranch, you'll meet your guide who will demonstrate the proper use of your ATV. Then, you'll don your helmet, get behind the wheel and take off over the rainforest's many trails. Marvel at magnificent views and experience the stunning flora and fauna of this unique eco-system as you rev up and over gentle hills, through puddles and across fields. The extraordinary adventure

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will take you alongside a picturesque river, whose fresh clear waters are perfect for swimming.

Photo Opportunity: During this invigorating ride, you'll experience the spectacular scenery of Carabali Rainforest Park, home to 600 acres of rainforest filled with well-worn trails, grassland, and swaying palms.

What You Will See Along The Way: From the terminal you'll travel through the bustling streets of San Juan and into the scenic wonderland of Puerto Rico's tropical countryside.

NOTES: This tour is sold by the ATV. Please book tour by ATV and not per passenger. Each ATV can accommodate up to two people. The minimum age required to participate is 10 years old. All drivers must present a valid driver's license and be at least 16 years old. Pregnant women and those suffering from heart problems may not participate. Participants must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring a towel if you plan to swim. Swimming in the river is subject to weather and the river's condition. Once participants join their tour, they will be required to complete a liability waiver.