

San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA

Puerto Rico's capital delivers one of the Caribbean's most rewarding cruise days — a UNESCO-listed walled city, two massive Spanish forts, and some of the best rum and food in the region, all starting steps from the pier.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8–12 hrs

USD

Spanish / English

Caribbean

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Old San Juan Piers 1, 3, 4 & 6 (walkable to historic district); larger and homeport ships use Pan American Pier on Isla Grande (short taxi). \$425M port modernization underway through 2026–27.

Best For: History, walking, rum, beaches, rainforest day trips

Walk to center: Pier 1/3/4/6: 2–5 min walk to Paseo de la Princesa and the walled city. Pan American Pier: 10–15 min taxi.

Don't Miss: El Morro at opening time, a piña colada at Barrachina (the birthplace), and the Bacardí ferry

Getting around: Taxi \$8-20 USD · Rideshare Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing San Juan

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Castillo San Felipe del Morro** — The 16th-century Atlantic-facing citadel at the tip of the peninsula is one of the most photographed fortresses in the...
- Castillo San Cristóbal** — The largest Spanish fort built in the New World, designed to defend against land attacks.
- Old San Juan Walking Tour** — Blue cobblestone alleys, La Fortaleza (oldest executive mansion in the Americas), the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista...
- El Yunque Rainforest** — The only tropical rainforest in the US National Forest System, about 45 minutes east.
- Casa Bacardí Rum Distillery** — Puerto Rico is rum country and Bacardí started here.

BEST WALKS

- The Fort Walk** 3 km · 2–2.5 hrs · Moderate — From the pier, follow Paseo de la Princesa past the Raíces Fountain, through the San Juan Gate, then northwest along the coastal walk...
- Old San Juan Culture Loop** 1.5 km · 1 hr · Easy — A tight loop through the heart of the walled city: Calle Fortaleza (restaurants, shops, umbrella art installation), La Fortaleza...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	72°	15d
Jun		89°	76°	15d
Aug		88°	77°	19d
Sep		88°	77°	22d
Oct		87°	76°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:07AM–6:41PM · Jun 5:48AM–7:01PM · Aug 6:06AM–6:50PM · Sep 6:12AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:18AM–6:01PM

USD

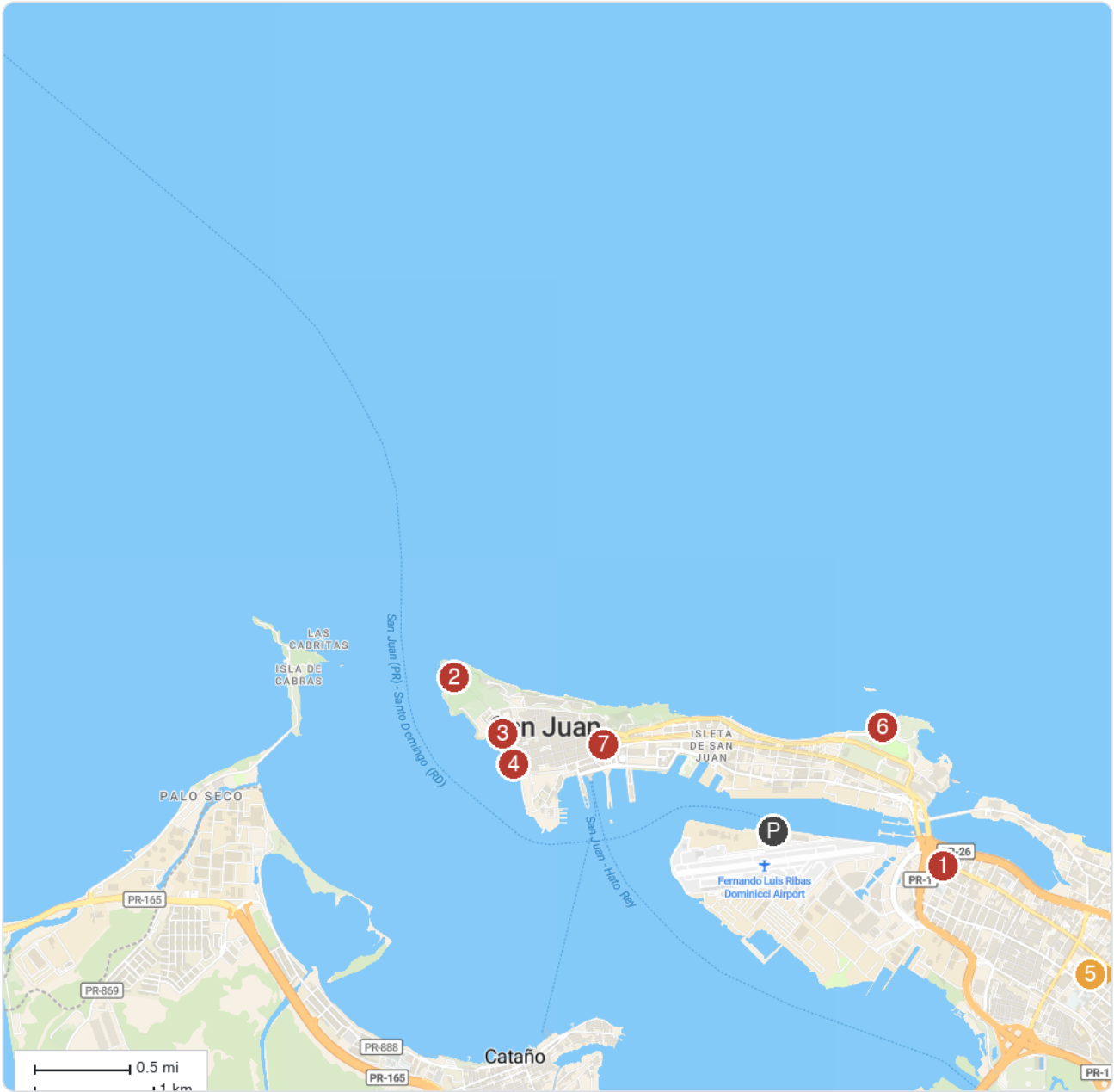
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear proper walking shoes. Old San Juan's blue cobblestones (adoquines — original Spanish ship ballast) are beautiful and brutal on feet. Flip-flops are a bad idea; ankle support

San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Capilla Nuestra Señora de Lourdes | Beautiful historic chapel with stunning architecture. | 2 Castillo San Felipe del Morro | Massive 16th-century Spanish fortress guarding San Juan Bay. |
| 3 Casa Blanca | Historic home of Ponce de León, now a museum. | 4 La Fortaleza | Official residence of the Governor, a UNESCO World Heritage site. |
| 5 Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico | Premier art museum showcasing Puerto Rican and international art. | 6 Balneario El Escambrón | Popular public beach perfect for swimming and sunbathing. |
| 7 Teatro Alejandro Tapia y Rivera | Historic 19th-century theater hosting various performing arts events. | P Cruise port / terminal | |