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ISLA VERDE BEACH RESORT

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Top 10 Things to Do Near the Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde

At the Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde, we offer a courteous staff and a number of amenities to enhance your stay. But if you should leave our hotel to enjoy the rest of San Juan, this Top 10 guide will help you find the activities and events that will make your stay even more memorable.



Featured Attraction

Historic Old San Juan

This is a 465-year-old neighborhood originally conceived as a military stronghold. Its 7-square-block area has evolved into a charming residential and commercial district. The city includes more than 400 carefully restored 16th- and 17th-century Spanish colonial buildings among other sites such as The San Juan Cathedral, 3 Forts, abundant shopping and many open air cafes and restaurants featuring world class dining.

Bioluminescent Bay Fajardo High

Las Croabas Lagoon in Fajardo has 500,000 to 700,000 bioluminescent dinoflagellates (a kind of plankton) per gallon, so when you wave your hand through the water you trigger so many of them that your hand seems to light up with a thousand tiny stars. It is a rare, natural wonder that you can experience while visiting Puerto Rico

El Yunque Rain Forest

The El Yunque rainforest is a sub tropical mountainous forest located in the eastern part of Puerto Rico where the trade winds first meet the island. The Forest contains rare wildlife including the Puerto Rican Parrot, which is one of the ten most endangered species of birds in the world and is a must see for explorers and nature lovers.

Camuy Caves

There are only two other places in the world where you will find a cave system as massive or dramatic as the Rio Camuy Cave Park - and neither of them has a tropical underground river thundering through it.

www.gotopuertorico.com/caving-puerto-rico.php

Arecibo Observatory

When it comes to telescopes, there are few as awe-inspiring as the one at Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. Most, however, are more likely to recognize Arecibo from its roles in Hollywood movies, as the giant telescope featured prominently in the final scene of the James Bond film Goldeneye and was also the antenna used by Jody Foster in her search for alien signals in the movie adaptation of Contact.

www.naic.edu/

Bacardi Rum Factory

Visitors to the Puerto Rican home of The BACARDI rum can enjoy an interactive tour through history, observe the production process and experience the party spirit of BACARDI brand. An unwavering attention to detail and historical accuracy creates a rich, authentic atmosphere that is both educational and entertaining.

<http://www.casabacardi.org>

Deep Sea Fishing

While fishing is good year round, the winter season from October to early March is among the best. Blue marlin can be caught all summer and into the fall, and renowned big game fish tournaments take place in August and September. Big game fish are found close to shore across Puerto Rico.

Surfing in Isla Verde

Pine Grove beach is a crescent, white-sand beach, whose tranquil, rich blue waters are protected by an offshore reef from the often rough Atlantic current. There's more of a surf to the east, which is a popular spot for surfing, boogie boarding, and body surfing as the waves are well formed but never too big, which makes it a perfect spot to learn to surf. Local surfers give lessons and rent boards from this beach as well.

Blue Flag Beach (Isla Verde)

The Blue Flag is a certification by the Foundation for Environmental Education that a beach or marina meets its stringent standards. Isla Verde beach is just one of many Blue Flag awarded beaches in Puerto Rico.

Catamaran Snorkeling Culebra

Visit Flamenco Beach, which is considered the second most beautiful beach in the world by Discovery Channel and by far the most popular beach in Culebra. Follow up the snorkeling with, lunch, refreshments, pina coladas and rum drinks.