



Tripping with Lisa 2024 Girl's Trip San Juan, Puerto Rico May 29 - June 2, 2024

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For this event, Tripping with Lisa, has provided receipts for expenses which include your flights and hotel accommodations as part of attending this trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please send any questions about your accommodations to Lisa Williams, via email at trippingwithlisa@gmail.com.

'TRIPPING WITH LISA' REPRESENTATIVES

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ATTIRE

We encourage you to wear your 'Puerto Rico Girls Trip' t-shirt during your flight and following activities when we land on Wednesday, May 29. This will give us an opportunity to take several group pictures and recognize others in our group until we get familiar! On Friday, May 31, there will be a dinner at [La Central by Mario Pagan](#) during which I ask everyone to wear pink formal attire for a final group photo. *Please pack close-toed shoes & bathing-suit, if you plan to join the ATV Tour.*

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Hotel rooms have been reserved on your behalf at the [Fairmont El San Juan Hotel](#), 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979. *Please bring an ID for check-in & pay the resort fee. Resort fees are \$266 per-room.*

- Check-in: Wednesday, May 29, @4:00 pm local time
- Check-out: Sunday, June 2, @11:00 am local time

Wednesday, May 29: Fairmont El San Juan Hotel is an approx. 8 min. drive from the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport (SJU) airport. A bus has been reserved for our group, please send \$15 to Lisa Williams for a spot on the bus. Otherwise, please travel to the hotel via rideshare, uber or taxi. *Each room will have to provide a card for incidentals - \$650.*

Sunday, June 2: Please check out of your room at the concierge desk at Fairmont El San Juan Hotel by 11am. *You can request a later check out, if needed.* Once you have checked out, you can check in your bags for the hotel to hold until you are ready to make your way to the airport. Transportation to the airport is provided, if you send an additional \$15 for bus pick up.



PLACES TO EAT

The following are restaurants, food trucks and small local food vendors that come highly recommended. *Please be aware that many dine-in restaurants are on 'island time', meaning they move a bit slower than we may be accustomed to in the mainland of the US. It is customary to tip your server in Puerto Rico.*

Cheap Eats:

- **Antojitos del Callejón**, 281 C. de San Sebastián, San Juan, 00901 - Puerto Rican
- **Ben & Jerry's**, 1049 Ashford Bldg B, San Juan 00907 - Ice Cream Shop
- **Buns Burger Shop, Old San Juan**, 331 Calle Del Recinto S, San Juan 00901
- **Cafe Manolin Old San Juan**, 251 C. de San Justo, San Juan, 00901 - Breakfast or Lunch, open 7am-3:30pm
- **Deshistoria: Birra & Empanadas, Old San Juan** 150 C. de la Cruz, Old San Juan, San Juan 00901 - Bistro & Happy Hour
- **La Preña Arepas Calle Loiza**, 1810 PR-37, San Juan, 00911 - Japanese, Seafood, Bar
- **Lote 23**, 1552 PR-25, San Juan, 00909 - a variety of Food Trucks & Kiosks
- **Pinky's Condado**, 1351 Ashford Ave, San Juan, 00907 - Breakfast & Lunch
- **Red Mango Cafe**, 1104 Avenida Magdalena, San Juan, 00907 - Vegan, Vegetarian & Gluten-Free options, Yogurt, Smoothies & Lunch
- **Señor Paleta, Old San Juan**, 153 Calle de Tetuan, Unit 1A, San Juan 00901 - Gourmet Popsicle Desserts
- **Vagón Santurce**, Calle Labra Santurce, San Juan 00907 - Mexican, Latin, Bar

5 MUST Eats (by [Discover Puerto Rico](#)):

- **Marmalade Restaurant & Wine Bar**, 317 Fortaleza St. Old San Juan, San Juan, PR, 00901 - French Caribbean & Spanish cuisine, a la carte menu with wine pairings
- **Princesa Cocina y Cultura**, 1853-1899 1853-1899 Paseo la Princesa, San Juan, PR, 00901 - Traditional Dishes & Cocktail in Old San Juan
- **Vianda**, 1413 Ave Ponce de Leon, San Juan, PR, 00907 - Recently selected of one of the Best 20 Restaurants in America by the James Beard Foundation
- **Acapulco Taqueria Mexicana**, 2021 Cll. Loíza Santurce, San Juan, PR, 00911 - Mexican Joint in the Calle Loíza neighborhood
- **Chocobar Cortés**, 210 Calle San Francisco, San Juan, 00901 - Infuses Rich & Creamy Chocolate in nearly every dish & beverage

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

The following beach came at the recommendation of frequent PR travelers & natives:

- **Balneario El Escambrón**, most picturesque beach in San Juan - [learn more](#)
- **Isla Verde**, voted the Best Urban Beach - [learn more](#)
- **Playa Ocean Park**, near our hotel & recommend grabbing for at Número Uno Guest House - [learn more](#)
- **Playa de Piñones**, legendary beach for locals, boundaries the town of Loiza - [see more](#)



UNSPOKEN RULES & UNIQUE LAWS TO BE AWARE OF

Unspoken Rules:

- Respect the Puerto Rican Identity: Avoid making assumptions about how Puerto Ricans should look or behave. Puerto Ricans come in diverse shapes, sizes and colors so it's important to avoid perpetuating stereotypes.
- Appreciate the Puerto Rican Culture: Show respect for Puerto Rican customs and traditions, *such as clapping when a plane lands, which is a gesture of gratitude for a safe arrival.*
- Be Polite & Courteous: As I know each of you already are! Puerto Ricans value politeness and courtesy, so it's important to maintain a friendly and respectful demeanor when interacting with locals (we are visitors on their land).
- Attempt to Speak Spanish: While many Puerto Ricans, especially in a tourist city like San Juan, understand English, making an effort to communicate in Spanish will be appreciated and can help you connect with locals.

Unique Laws:

- No Wearing Camouflage: It is prohibited to wear camouflage clothing in Puerto Rico, as it is reserved for military personnel only.
- No Gambling on Sundays: It is illegal to gamble on Sundays, *except for certain authorized establishments such as hotels and resorts.*
- No Smoking in Enclosed Public Spaces: Puerto Rico has strict anti-smoking laws and smoking is prohibited in enclosed public spaces, including restaurants, bars and workplaces.

THANK YOU LETTER

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for traveling 1,400 miles away from home to spend time together in this beautiful Caribbean oasis. I am thrilled that you are here to support my black owned business as my sisters, traveling companions, and clients. Starting a new adventure can be scary and challenging but thanks to your support and trust; as a business owner, I feel blessed to have you join my first girls trip. Please know that this is my first but not my last. I know that as with anything you do for the first time, there may be room to learn and get better but I truly appreciate your participation from the bottom of my heart. As we travel and get to know each other better over the next few days I pray for bonds to strengthen and friendships to become forged. Take the time to get to know someone that you didn't before you came. This trip is about being surrounded by positive, strong, empowering women. So just know that only good vibes, good conversations, and laughter are allowed on this girls trip. Please enjoy and make the best of your time, while Tripping With Lisa!

~ Lisa Gaffney-Williams



PRE-OFFERED ITINERARY

All [pre-paid activities can also be found here](#) for quick access, if you decide to make individual reservations please note that spots are limited! The following activities have been shared with the group ahead of time and may vary in group size. For anyone joining please bring your order or ticket confirmation, your ID and your debit/credit card - to verify your identity & purchase.

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

TRAVEL DAY

Travel arrive in San Juan by 1:00pm local time

Time	Topic
Before 7:05am	Arrive at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) 5501 Josh Birmingham Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28208 <i>* Please factor in additional time to find parking & walk from parking garages to the main airport!! Also account for additional time if you have large bags to check in at the American Airlines counter before walking through security. *</i>
9:05 - 12:45pm Currently boarding at 8:20am Gate D11	CLT - SJU American Airlines Flight 2674 <i>* Boarding time is approximately 30 mins before take-off time. Please make your way immediately to the Gate, then proceed to stop for any snacks or restroom breaks before boarding. We will be alerted via the American Airlines app about any changes to our Gate or Flight Delays. *</i> <u>Arrival in San Juan, Puerto Rico:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have large bags, make your way with the group to luggage pick-up • Bus transportation to the hotel is available for \$15 (send fair to Lisa Williams)
1:00 - 1:30pm	Arrival atFairmont El San Juan Hotel <u>Our Hotel:</u> 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979, Puerto Rico <i>Drop off your bag at the front desk for staff to hold until your room is ready for check-in. If your room is ready go ahead & drop your bags in your room!</i>
2:30 - 4:00pm	Beach Club Restaurant <u>Our Hotel:</u> 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979, Puerto Rico <i>This group lunch at the hotel Beach Club Restaurant will be followed by a Group Hotel Tour!</i>
7:30 - 10:30pm	Distrito T-Mobile 250 Blvd. Centro de Convenciones, San Juan 00907, Puerto Rico <i>Experience Puerto Rico's premiere entertainment destination. There's something for every mood! Whether you're looking for a great spot to grab food (La Central or Sazón Cocina Criolla come HIGHLY recommended), catch a movie at Caribbean Cinemas VIP, check out the TOROVERDE Urban Park or shop until you drop this is a worthwhile destination in San Juan. - Check out the Distrito T-Mobile Event Calendar for a more curated experience throughout your trip!</i>



Thursday, May 30, 2024
A Day in the historic district of Old San Juan

Time	Topic
	Breakfast <i>Room service is available by texting your order to (787) 694-6004 -or- Indulge in breakfast at the resort, including a \$49 buffet at Cana</i>
By 8:15am	Arrive at Hotel Lobby <i>*If you have paid for the 'Old San Juan History Shop & Dine Tour'</i>
9:00 - 2:00pm	Old San Juan History Shop & Dine Tour <u>Pick up at our hotel:</u> Fairmont El San Juan, 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979 <i>Discover the highlights of Old San Juan on a half-day guided sightseeing & shopping tour. Follow your guide around the charming streets of Old San Juan, passing by landmarks such as the original city gate, Castillo San Felipe del Morro, & the Metropolitan Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant & go shopping in the Calle Fortaleza shopping area. - interested in joining us use this link \$60 after tax</i>
7:30 - 10:30pm	Old San Juan Bar Crawl 153 C. de San Sebastian, San Juan, 00901, Puerto Rico <i>Welcoming you on a fun filled tour of the most unique pub scene in the Old City of San Juan, Puerto Rico. These spots have a rich history dating back over 500 years. With free flowing drinks, hosts to show you the way, & good vibes, follow a specifically crafted route around several iconic bars. Complimentary drinks & shots are included, as is a polaroid shot of the group. The final stop is our destination, which includes Puerto Rican tapas style food & a mixed menu. - join the bar crawl for \$65 before tax</i>

Friday, May 31, 2024
Distillery Drinks & Local Eats

Time	Topic
9:00 - 11:00am	Breakfast & Beach <i>* Meet up with a few ladies to enjoy a group breakfast & beach views from the hotel *</i>
11:15 - 1:30pm	Casa Bacardi Mixology Class 200 PR-165, Catano, 00962, Puerto Rico <i>In this interactive class, you will learn the history behind Bacardi's most popular cocktails. If you want to master some cool bar tricks & skills, this on-site mixology class is for you. - reserve your spot for \$80 before tax</i>



1:30 - 3:00pm	Lote 23 1552 PR-25, San Juan, 00909, Puerto Rico <i>Lote 23 is a lively gathering place with cafes & kiosks offering fast food, plus a terrace. The park is located in the heart of Santurce & is the perfect spot to enjoy a wide variety of great food & drinks.</i>
7:00 - 9:30pm	Group Dinner - La Central by Mario Pagan 250 Blvd. Centro de Convenciones, San Juan 00907, Puerto Rico <i>Wearing Pink! The restaurant's dress code is 'formal attire'. Gather again from a full group dinner in Distrito T-Mobile at La Central by Mario Pagan. Join us as we experience an exquisite menu, inspired by the essence of the rich flavors of Puerto Rican culture. Dining at La Central provides an experience like no other, in their version of a modern tropical steakhouse, where the taste of la brasa, sugarcane, & rum flavors are the star of the show.</i>

Saturday, June 1, 2024 Good Vibes on Local Time

Time	Topic
By 8:45am	Arrive at Carabali Rainforest Park 992, Luquillo, 00773, Puerto Rico <i>Requirements: (1) closed-toed shoes, (2) bathing suit underwear, (3)physical valid driver's license (drivers only), & (4) credit card used to pay for your booking !!</i> <i><u>Approximately a 30min drive from our hotel, please schedule an uber the night before or call your uber with adequate time to wait for their arrival.</u></i>
9:30 - 11:30pm	ATV Tour at Carabali 992, Luquillo, 00773, Puerto Rico <i>Carabali Rainforest Adventure Park is the largest theme park in Puerto Rico where you can go horseback riding, drive ATV, & more! Join us for an exhilarating 2 hour ATV adventure through the foothills of El Yunque National Forest! This invigorating ride exposes you to the spectacular scenery of Puerto Rico's east coast as you roam through towering trees, tread through creeks, climb hills, & coast through vast rugged rainforest terrain. - link to reserve you spot 2hr for \$120 (plus \$75 for passenger)</i>
3:00 - 7:00pm	Piñones Food & Bar Tour <u>Pick up:</u> San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, 1309 Ashford Ave, San Juan, 00907 <i>Escape the crowds in San Juan for a day & venture to Loiza Piñones for a unique adventure. Immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture, enjoy authentic street food & hop between beaches & bars. - link to reserve your spot \$50 before tax</i>



Sunday, June 2, 2024
Savor Your Last Moments

Time	Topic
By 11:00am	Hotel Check-Out <u>Our hotel:</u> Fairmont El San Juan, 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979 <i>* Once you check out of your room, check your bags at the desk for the concierge to hold until you are ready to head to the SJU Airport. Please all liquid more than 3oz in your checked back or they will be thrown away. *</i>
11:30 - 2:30pm	Last Moments, Anything Goes! <i>There is so much to do in San Juan & on-site at our hotel, have some fun!</i>
3:00-3:30pm	Airport Transportation <u>Pick up at our hotel:</u> Fairmont El San Juan, 6063 Isla Verde Avenue Carolina, 00979 <i>Grab your bags from the concierge & meet us in the Hotel lobby to be transported from the hotel to the SJU airport! Transportation back to the airport is an additional \$15 & can be sent to Lisa Williams electronically.</i>
By 3:30pm	Arrive at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU) Avenida Aeropuerto Carolina, Puerto Rico 00937 Have your ID ready for the security checkpoint. The airport also may appear as 'Aeropuerto Internancional <i>Luis Muños Marín</i> '
5:55 - 9:45pm	SJU → CLT American Airlines Flight 2150 <i>We will board approximately 30 mins before our take off time. Make sure you have your boarding pass & ID ready for a smooth ride back to CLT.</i>