



Mister Latin Jazz Goes to Puerto Rico

Musica y Cultura

May 17-24 , 2026

Sunday May 17th Bienvenidos a San Juan (D)

AM Arrival at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
We will arrange two transfers this morning. Please arrive by 3 pm.

3:00pm Check in to our home for the week, the Hotel El Colonial
or similar 4 star property.

5:30pm Welcome Cocktail & Meet and Greet.

7:30pm Welcome Dinner

Monday, May 18th (B, L)

Breakfast is at your leisure daily 7 – 10 am.

9:00am Briefing by a local historian to share with us the history of this
island nation “From Taino, to Colony to Commonwealth” .

11:00am **We have a special historic walking tour of Old San Juan** this morning to bring history alive. Highlights include the Old City Plaza de Colón, San Felipe del Morro Castle, San Cristobal FortEl Palacio de Santa Catalina (La Fortaleza), La Casa Blanca (Juan Ponce de Leon’s Residence, the first Governor of Puerto Rico), La Catedral de San Juan La Iglesia de San José (the oldest Spanish Church in the Americas), El Convento de los Dominicos , La Puerta de San Juan and the El Paseo de la Princesa.

1:00pm Lunch

2:30pm Our city tour concludes with a visit to **Castillo San Felipe del Morro**, (El Morro) sits atop a high promontory overlooking the entrance to the San Juan Bay. It is the result of the efforts of Spanish engineers over a period of more than 250 years and is one of the largest fortifications built by the Spanish in the Caribbean.

4:00pm Free time to wander Old San Juan, rest and enjoy dinner.

Eve Optional cultural activity like live music or dancing. We will share options!

Monday, May 19th _____ (B.L. D)

Breakfast at your leisure daily at the hotel’s restaurant.

9:00am **Salsa Dance Class.**

11.00am **Bomba & Plena!**, An Overview of Puerto Rican Music” by an ethnomusicologist.

1:00pm Lunch

2:30pm Exchange with the community arts and music center, **La Goyco Community Center**, <https://www.lagoyco.org>

Wednesday, May 21st El Yunque (B, L)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Departure to **El Yunque National Forest**, the only tropical rainforest in the national forest system. At nearly 29,000 acres, it is one of the smallest in size, yet one of the most biologically diverse. We will hike to La Mina Fall where we will go for a dip.

1:00pm Lunch along the beach kiosks of **Luquillo**.

3:00pm Enjoy a brief visit at **the Museum of Art of Puerto Rico**, to explore its vast collection.

5:00pm Free time for dinner and local cultural activities and music.

Thursday, May 22 Ponce Y Salinas (B,L)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am We are off for our excursion **to Ponce** (about an hour drive). Upon arrival we will enjoy a walking city tour with its ornate colonial buildings and lush shade trees. One highlight is the Parque de Bombas, structures is an old fire station which has been converted into a museum. Around the plaza you will also find the magnificent Lion Fountain (Fuente de los Leones), the mayor's residence, and the Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe. You will enjoy some free time to indulge in its local coffee shops, restaurants, and boutiques selling local products.

1:00pm Lunch in Ponce.

3:00 pm On our way back to San Juan we stop to learn about the work of the **Cunyabe Cultural Center in Salinas**. Exchange with Edwin Gonzalez, the coordinator and some of the youth artists.

6:00pm Return to San Juan and enjoy the evening to stroll the streets lit up at night.

Friday, May 23 Playa y Sol (B,D)

8:00am Breakfast

9:30am Exchange with **Agua, Sol y Sereno Studio** for an Art Expression Workshop. Meet with Director Pedro Adorno.

11:00am Optional time : Enjoy the beautiful turquoise waters of the Atlantic Ocean with some beach time. Or have time to explore el Viejo San Juan free time for lunch along the beach stands.

3:00pm Return to the hotel

7:00pm Farewell Dinner and live jazz music at **Carli's Fine Bistro**.
<https://www.carlisfinebistro.com>

Saturday, May 24 Hasta Luego! (B)

8:00am Breakfast and Check out of hotel.

9:00am Transfer to the Airport for flights back home! Or stay an extra day or two.

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