



APPENDIX D: GAY GUIDE TO PUERTO RICO

Also please see our website www.PuertoRicoGayVacation.com

Please email me any updates or additional information to coquidelmar@gmail.com so we can keep the below info as up to date as possible.

- **GAY LIFE:** Puerto Rico is one of the most gay friendly of all Caribbean islands. Gay marriage and adoption is legal in Puerto Rico (see Ricky Martin). The two large Pride parades (one in Condado and one in Cabo Rojo) are well attended annually. Condado, Ocean Park, Santurce and Rio Piedras are the biggest “gayborhoods” though there are bars in Old San Juan as well. You should feel at ease with your partner on any beach, but particularly the Ocean Park beaches. The island of Vieques is also a gay haven. That being said, Puerto Rico is a very Catholic area and being gay is not always accepted. It may be best to use caution if you travel to any of the smaller cities/villages or leave the San Juan area.
- **HEALTH CLINIC/HIV TESTING:** Free instant HIV tests are available upon request at the walgreens clinic during normal hours (inside Walgreens). This takes about 30 minutes total.
- **PRIDE:** San Juan/Condado: Always in June. Typically news of the date is not available until late. The parade is always on Sunday about noon. Parties start usually the Thursday prior and continue through the weekend. The parade starts around noonish (island time) at Parque Indio and goes until Parque Escambron. After parties are at the beach of Atlantic Beach Hotel or other venues and clubs. Coqui del Mar may host special events during this week, such as a bar-b-que and happy hour mixer. [Cabo Rojo Pride](#) is always the second weekend in June and is something to experience. A sleepy little beachside town turns into a 4-day party and builds until Sunday night.



- **BEACHES:** There are 2 main gay beaches: Ocean Park in front of the Numero Uno Guesthouse is “gay friendly” and will be highly mixed with local college students and others. Atlantic Beach is a bit gayer. Sundays after 11am – 5pm is the most popular at either beach.

Beaches after hours: Ocean Park Beach becomes a bit cruisy after the lights go down. This starts about 50 yards past Numero Uno Guest House and continues until Indio Park. You will see men wandering through the palm trees, going into abandoned beach side homes or just standing in the shadows – more busy Fri/Sat nights from 10pm to 2am. CAUTION – police are patrolling.



- **BARS/CLUBS:** For a good Internet site, try: <http://thenakedisland.com/>
Toccare: 239 Calle Eleonor Roosevelt, San Juan (near Plaza Las Americas). One of several cool bars all in the same gayborhood.
A pedir de boca: Calle Eleonor Roosevelt. Very gay friendly, chic restaurant near several gay bars. Affordable and creative dishes and tapas.
Atlantic Beach Bar and Hotel: 1 Calle Vendig—This no longer supports gay clientele.
Batucada: Calle Carlos Chardon #15 Popular gay bar with good prices. Cool atmosphere.
Bear Tavern: 101 Calle Degetau. This is a new spot with food and bar plus drag shows. A 10 minute walk from Coqui del Mar.



Circo: 650 Calle Condado The most popular gay dance club in San Juan. Good drink specials, no cover. Gets busy after 1am.

El Ático (in La Mala Vida): 150 Calle San Sebastien, Second Floor. Performance and event venues.

El Cojo: Calle Eleonor Roosevelt. Very Popular to start your night (9-10pm). One of several good bars in the gayborhood.

Flavors: Calle Eleonor Roosevelt. Lesbian bar. One of several bars on the same street.

La Esquina de Polo: Calle Eleonor Roosevelt. Biggest gay bar of the several in the gayborhood. This gets very crowded.

LemonDrop: Very gay friendly Bar/lounge/restaurant/DJs. Karaoke Tuesday nights: Borinquen Towers Mall 1482 Ave Roosevelt - 787-925-3666 Wed – Sat - <http://www.lemondropbarpr.com>

Oceano: 2 Vendig Street. (Condado). Gay friendly beachfront restaurant, bar, lounge. Modern. Very South Miami beach. Good Sunday Brunch. Just in front of the Sunday gay beach.

Patio de Lila: Mixed crowd at this bar in La Placita in Santurce.

Polo Norte: Calle Tetuan In Old San Juan. New gay lounge. Very modern. Very popular. <https://www.facebook.com/Polo-Norte-Gay-Lounge-1412958882047702/>

Scandalo: 613 Calle Condado. For some of the best drag shows, come here after 1 to 2am. Friday/Saturday. Small Entry fee. Queens will definitely feel at home.

Oasis: Condado Calle #6: Very mixed all gay crowd. Restaurant. Pre-game place or after beach on Sundays.

Xteamworks bathhouse: 1752 Avenida Fernandez Juncos. Gay sauna in San Juan. Mixed ages, mostly older. Many times free for certain ages.

Studio:

SX Stripper Bar: 1204 Ponce de Leon. Happy hours, open bars several nights a week, small cover charge. Bring dollars and have fun.

Temptation: 608 Calle Bolivar. Restaurant, bar, strip club and dark rooms.

<http://temptationpr.com/> Open every night. Bring a Coqui del Mar business card for a free drink.

Tia Maria: 326 José de Diego. Older crowd, very popular every night.

VIP: 613 Calle Condado. Gay bar with exotic dancers.

Web Applications/dating sites: Adam4adam.com, Grindr, Manhunt.com, Scruff, Tinder

➤ **Suggested Gay Itinerary:**

Tuesday:

Oceano Free Salsa Lessons 10PM followed by dancing

LemonDrop Karaoke.

Thursday:



Oceano ½ price drinks.

La Mala Vida in Old San Juan: Drag Shows (late)

College bars such as El Ocho and El Cojo.

Friday:

Patio de Lila

Oceano @ 11pm – Free Fashion Show

Late Night: Oasis, Temptation,

Saturday: (this is the most popular night at Temptation and Circo)

Daytime: Atlantic Beach Bar or Ocean Park beach

Patio de Lila

Late night: Circo (casual) or Temptation

Sunday:

Daytime: Atlantic Beach Bar or Ocean Park beach

After 5pm: Circo

- Fill in the above with other bars from our list mentioned previously.

