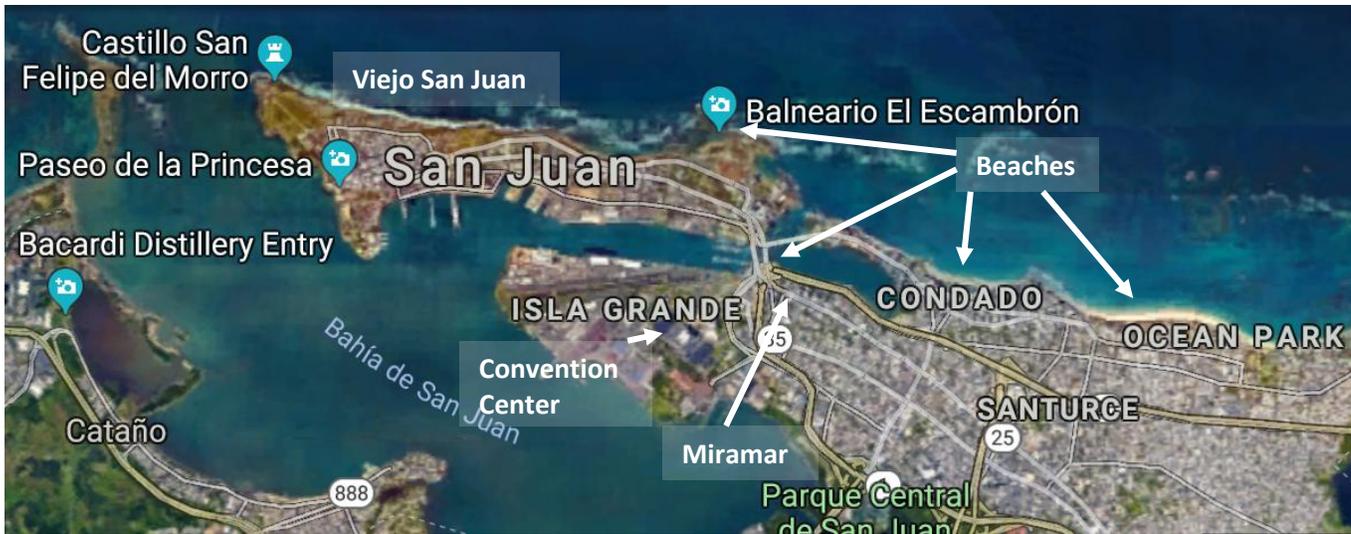


## TOURISM INFO FOR IMC VISITORS



### TRANSPORTATION

**Buses.** Buses cost \$0.75. No bills accepted, only change.

Two bus lines pass by the Convention Center, but they run infrequently (every 20-30 minutes, ending at 9:00 pm and with no service on Sundays). The #21 goes from Viejo San Juan to the Sagrado Corazón stop of the Tren Urbano, via the Convention Center and Condado. The #53 goes from Old San Juan to the airport, via the Convention Center, Condado, Ocean Park and Isla Verde. The #9 goes from Old San Juan to Sagrado Corazón along Ave Fernández Juncos, passing a block away from the Convention Center.

The bus route that runs most frequently is the Metrobus #3 along Ave Ponce de León. It runs until 11:00 pm (including Sundays) and goes from Viejo San Juan to the Tren Urbano station at Sagrado Corazón, passing through Santurce. It passes through Miramar on Ponce de León, a 15 min walk from the Convention Center.

**Uber.** The most convenient form of transportation in many cases is Uber. If you don't have an account, signing up is easy. You can pay cash, so no credit card information is needed...you just need a cell phone or other mobile device with GPS. Uber rates vary according to demand, but it's often less than half the price of a taxi and much easier to find a car.

**Taxis** don't circulate as they do in many cities, but there are usually some at the Convention Center. If not, they can call you one at the reception desk.

### SAFETY

Be careful crossing the streets...many drivers do not stop for pedestrians.

There are occasional thefts on the beach...don't bring valuables with you.

Bring a photocopy of your passport with you when you go out in San Juan, and leave the passport itself in your hotel.

### HEALTH

Tap water is safe to drink.

Dengue, chikungunya and zika are present but incidence is low. If you're pregnant or may be pregnant soon, you may choose to use insect repellent.

### BEACHES

The closest beach is in the SW corner of Laguna del Condado, across the street from Sizzler's. It's a 10 min walk from the Convention Center. Paddleboards and kayaks can be rented from the Parque in the SE corner of the Laguna.

There is a nice beach in Puerta de Tierra, called Escambrón, a 20-25 min walk.

There's a beach in Condado, a 20 min walk.

### WHERE TO GO

The Convention Center District was recently redeveloped. There isn't much there, except for some chain restaurants.

Nearby areas—Miramar, Santurce, Ocean Park, Viejo San Juan—are much more interesting.

The Miramar area, a 20 min walk, has interesting architecture, restaurants, and a cinema.

The Condado area, a 20-30 min walk crossing the Dos Hermanos Bridge, is the most international part of San Juan, with hotels, restaurants, casinos beaches and high-end shops.

Old San Juan, a 30 min walk or a 10 min bus ride, is famous for its beautiful architecture, history, views and restaurants. From Old San Juan you can take a ferry across the Bay to Cataño, where the Bacardí rum distillery is located. You'll need to take an Uber, taxi or shared car to get to the factory. Cataño's waterfront has beautiful views of Old San Juan.

San Cristobal and El Morro are impressive old forts in Viejo San Juan, run by the Natl Park Service.

**GAY GUIDE** <http://sanjuangayguide.com/map-2/>

### **MUSEUMS**

Some museums and the UPR Botanical Garden still haven't reopened after Hurricane Maria. Here are some good options:

Museo de las Americas / Ballajá, in Viejo San Juan: <http://www.museolasamericas.org/>

Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, in Santurce: <http://www.mapr.org/en>

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, in Santurce: <http://mac-pr.org/>

Museo de Historia, Antropología y Arte de UPR, in Río Piedras: <http://www.upr.edu/museos-2/museo-de-historia-antropologia-y-arte-de-rio-piedras/>

Museo de Arte de Ponce: 1 ½ hours away, with an impressive collection of European art:

<https://www.museoarteponce.org/>

### **THEATRE**

Centro de Bellas Artes in Santurce has varied programming: <http://www.cba.pr.gov/>

### **LIVE MUSIC**

Latin Roots, in Viejo San Juan, has salsa and latin music: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheLatinRoots/events/>

La Respuesta, in Santurce, has varied bands and events: <http://www.larespuestasanturce.com/events/>