

Ponce, Puerto Rico, USA

Puerto Rico's second city earns its nickname La Perla del Sur — from the candy-striped Parque de Bombas on the main plaza to a hilltop rum baron's castle with panoramic Caribbean views, Ponce delivers big-city culture with a genuine Puerto Rican soul.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

Spanish / English

Hot & dry — bring water

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Port of the Americas (Puerto de las Américas), no tendering

Best For: History, architecture, rum heritage, art museum

Walk to center: ~3.5 miles to Plaza Las Delicias — shuttle or taxi required

Don't Miss: Parque de Bombas, Castillo Serrallés, King's Cream ice cream

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$20 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Plaza Las Delicias & Parque de Bombas** — The heart of Ponce: a grand colonial square anchored by the Lions Fountain and the unmistakable red-and-black 1882 fire...
 - **Castillo Serrallés & Vigía Cross** — The 1930s Spanish Revival mansion of Ponce's Don Q Rum dynasty perches on El Vigía Hill.
 - **Museo de Arte de Ponce** — One of the finest art museums in the Americas, housing 4,500+ works including the famous
- Flaming June by Leighton.

 - **Hacienda Buena Vista Coffee Plantation** — A beautifully restored 19th-century coffee and corn mill ~14 km into the mountains, run by the Conservation Trust of...
 - **Caja de Muertos (Coffin Island)** — Pristine nature reserve 8 miles offshore with white sand beaches, coral reefs, and an historic lighthouse.

BEST WALKS

- **Plaza Las Delicias Heritage Walk** 1.5 miles · Easy · 1-2 hrs — Start at Parque de Bombas, circle the plaza to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Lions Fountain, then wander Calle Isabel...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	88°	71°	8d
Jun	88°	75°	21d
Aug	91°	77°	17d
Sep	88°	76°	19d
Oct	86°	74°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:08AM–7:50PM · Jun 6:43AM–8:16PM · Aug 7:06AM–8:01PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:26AM–7:03PM

US Dollar (USD)

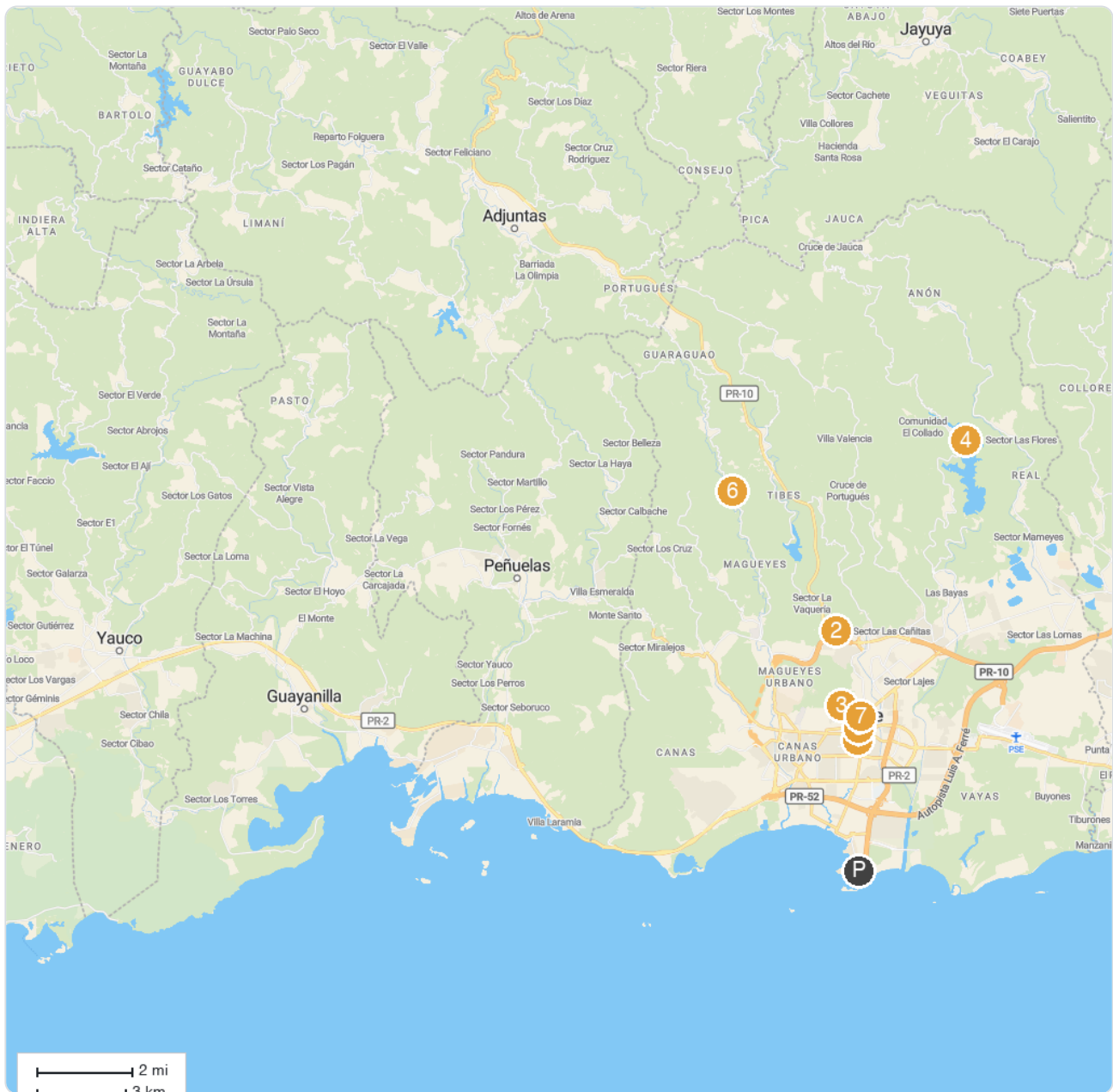
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Budget transport: The ship shuttle to Plaza Las Delicias is the easiest option. Grab an Uber back if availability is good — often cheaper than a taxi.
- Museum check before you go: The Museo de Arte de Ponce main building is still under earthquake reconstruction. Confirm current hours online or at the pier welcome tent.

Ponce, Puerto Rico, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Parque Urbano Dora Colón Clavell | A modern urban park for relaxation and community events. | 2 | Centro Ceremonial Indígena de Tibes | Ancient Taino ceremonial grounds and archaeological site. |
| 3 | Museo Castillo Serrallés | Historic mansion museum of the Serrallés rum family. | 4 | Cerrillos Dam | A large dam creating a scenic lake for recreation. |
| 5 | Parque de Bombas | Historic red and black former firehouse, now a museum. | 6 | Hacienda Buena Vista - Para la Naturaleza | Restored 19th-century coffee plantation and nature preserve. |
| 7 | Mercado Juan Ponce de León | Historic market building selling local produce and goods. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |