

What to do...

Now that you're here.



Welcome to Rincon, PR. **Banana Dang** offers our customers a complimentary guide that provides our insights into this unique and offbeat community. These opinions come from our customers, friends, and our own experience—*not swayed by advertising*. To make sure you have a memorable time in Rincon, don't wear a watch. Paradise knows no time!

Banana Dang Coffee is next to Lazy Parrot on 413
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Where we eat breakfast

Enjoy a panoramic view of Rincon at the English Rose while you breakfast on the "Full Monty." Also visit the Tapas Bar at Casa Isleña Inn for brunch on weekends. 787 823 4032 (English Rose, up hill from Steps beach) 787 823 1525 (Tapas Bar @ Casa Isleña)

Best place for a group meal

Shipwreck serves excellent wraps, pasta and fresh catch. We also love the family vibe at Villa Cofresi for big outings—try their famous "El Pirata," 7 kinds of rum served in a coconut...if you can handle it! 787 823 0578 (Shipwreck @ the Marina) 787 823 2450 (Villa Cofresi on 115, past Econo)

For an intimate meal (no ocean view)

We love Lazy Parrot restaurant for its charming atmosphere and Puerto Rican fare. If you have good shoes—venture poolside downstairs to Rum Shack for beer, pinchos + tacos. There's also a golf course. 787 823 0101 (Lazy Parrot) 823 0103 (Rum Shack)

For an intimate meal (with ocean view)

Tapas Bar serves excellent fish and fresh salads in a romantic setting (right on the beach). Ode to the Elephants thai restaurant also scores big points for its location—all we can say is *Ginger Martini*. 787 823 1525 (Tapas Bar @ Casa Isleña) 631 604 0948 Ode to the Elephant

Best place(s) for Spunk, Funk and Drunk.

Go to Tamboo and Pool Bar—it's a scene! Tamboo is all about music + beer. Pool Bar serves great sushi and surf flicks. Rock Bottom is scene stealer too. 787 823 8550 Tamboo | 787 823 2583 Pool Bar 787 823 3756 Rock Bottom @ Casa Verde

Best place to feel like J-Lo or Marc Anthony

Horned Dorset. Hillary Clinton dined here. But we're not sure about Shania Twain...800 633 1857

I scream (or ICE CREAM) at the beach

D'ssert scoops up homemade ice cream backed by sweet treats—a favorite is the chocolate lava cake. (at the balneario, across from the school)

Pizza Pizza...

Our friend Kevin swears by the white spinach pizza at Pizzaland. There's also Napoletana Pizza in the plaza with a mini-casino/arcade. But one of the best kept secrets is the pizza truck near Lazy Parrot Inn. 787 823 0606 (Pizzaland @ Libanesa Bakery) 787 823 5914 (Napoletana near skate park in town)

I need COFFEE!

What can we say? Banana Dang serves the most amazing Puerto Rican coffees and healthiest banana smoothies. We source local and comply with strict freshness standards. WiFi/computers + cool beats. 787 823 0963 (next to Lazy Parrot on 413)

Best pinchos (like a kabob)

The food at Steps Quick Lunch at Steps Beach reminds us of home. The pinchos are excellent.

Best vegetarian lunch

This is a missing market in Rincon; a Whole Foods or similar vegetarian/organic food mart would succeed here. For alternatives—check out the organic food section at Edward's Food Mart. 787 823 7700

How to cool off

The best air conditioning system exists at the USPS—yes, the United States Post Office in Rincon. You'll also freeze your ass off at the meat section at Econo. Villa Cofresi's indoor restaurant is chilly too. We also have some cool temps at Banana Dang!

For late night bites

For burgers + fries, check out Rock Bottom—opens past midnight. The pizza truck near Lazy Parrot too. 787 823 3756 (Rock Bottom @ Casa Verde)

Best place to meet the locals

The locals drink at Joe's Bar at Club Nautico. We also recommend El Nativo for their quesadillas. Meet up at the local panaderias (bakeries), or pull up for a drink at Puesta Del Sol—located up the hill from Maria's beach. 787 823 4922 El Nativo

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Best place to leave your friend while you surf

Calypso Café at Maria's Beach. This bar is happening day and night. 787 823 1626

Best view of the restless ocean

Recently renovated El Faro Lighthouse offers the best view of surfing and sunsets at Domes beach and Indicators (good point breaks). We've witnessed a lot of quinceñeras and weddings here too.

Best place to steal a kiss

Flying Fish Parasail. Don't be scared, you could even bring your dog up there! 787 823 2-FLY

For that "wind through your hair" feeling...

Cruise on Katarina Sail Charters 787 823 7245

Best place to go snorkeling with your amor

Steps Beach. Make sure you get there early because the parking fills up quickly.

Best beaches with a sandy bottom

We recommend the balneario (or public beach) near the center of town. There's also the Marina, Corcega beach and the beach near the Pineapple Inn (right at Texaco gas on 115, go to dead end).

Furthest paddle out

Maria's beach. At low tide, you can paddle well over 100 yards. Lots of channels—good for beginners—*that is*, if you can handle the long paddle.

Best place to get chased out by a shark

We saw one at Corcega Beach—but don't let that stop you. The water here is normally crystal blue.

Best place to get chased out by locals

The locals at Domes are usually very nice, but like all breaks you haven't wired yet—be considerate.

Best place to rent surfboards (or paddleboards)

Call Bobby @ Mar Arzul 787 823 5692

Learn how to surf (soulfully)

ISA certified Ramses Morales: 787 617 4731
Brazilian instructor Roger (Surf 787): 787 448 0968
Female instructor Melissa (Puntas): 787 366 1689

Best place to escape the hustle and bustle

Dos Angeles Del Mar guesthouse has a quiet pool and clean rooms. DVD rentals too. We also heard great things about Tropical Treehouse (yes, you can stay at a real treehouse!). Bring insect repellent. 787 431 6057 Dos Angeles Del Mar (ask for John) 541 499 3885 Tropical Treehouse

How to get where you're going

Feliciano Taxi 787 312 4655
Borinquen Taxi 787 431 8179
AA Taxi (Carlos Morales) 787 823 0906
Yvette (bilingual) 787 505 3468
Angelo's Car Rental 787 823 3438

Where to buy the necessities

Econo for standard grocery 787 823 2470
Edward's Food Mart for grocery 787 823 7700
Cash & Carry for milk and eggs 787 823 7800
7-Express for cigarettes and beer (downtown)

Where to go if you're looking for...

Sports Massage: Call Cynthia 787 431 4216
Yoga + Pilates: La Paz Yoga Studio 787 823 2885
Pet Adoption: ARF (Animal Rescue) 787 823 7167

6 great things to do in Rincon...before you leave

- 1) Pick up sea glass:
Steps is a favorite pickup place, so is Corcega.
- 2) Buy the original Rincon 413 sticker!
Find them at Lazy Parrot and West Coast Surf Shop.
- 3) Get a Limber (frozen treat in a cup):
Get the Bailey's or Kahlua version at Bonet Liquor. 787 823 3504 (Bonet Liquor at Plaza Bonet on 115)
- 4) Bring home souvenirs from the island:
Mango Beach Shop 787 823 2100
Playa Oeste 787 823 4424
Uncharted Studios (unique T-shirts) 787 823 4200
- 5) Gaze at local art:
Tres Puertas Gallery downtown Rincon 787 672 5284
- 6) Visit Farmer's Market:
Organic produce and local foods on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at town square, 8am-1pm.



We welcome your suggestions!

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