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# Piñones: A cultural landmark

A scenic place that shows you a more rustic side of the Island

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Just minutes away from the metropolitan area there is Piñones, a very scenic place that shows you a more rustic side of the island. This community includes natural, cultural, archaeological, gastronomic, and recreational diversity. Something that also characterizes Piñones is that there are generations of families that for over 400 years have occupied their land. That is why its residents are a reflection of the richness of culture and Afro-Puerto Rican traditions, manifested through their music, food, and customs.

The natural richness of Piñones includes the largest mangrove forest around Puerto Rico, beaches with remnants of dunes, corals, swamps, reefs, and lagoons that exhibit the phenomenon of bioluminescence during certain times in the year. On the other hand, walking through this community you will find a lot of kiosks where you can delight yourself by eating food made in a hearth wood-burning stove.

Also, at Piñones, there is a non-profit community-based organization named *Comunidad Piñones Se Integra* (COPI), established since 1999. COPI is committed to improve the quality of life of the residents and their families, and the opportunities of tourism. COPI offers visitors a variety of authentic experiences in socio-tourism activities and cultural attractions, just five minutes away from San Juan.



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**Unique journeys:** Today go for a walk or ride a bicycle at Paseo Tablado. Get in touch with nature and, relax!

### What to do in Piñones?

#### Beach trip

It is a unique journey through the Paseo Tablado (wooden promenade) at Piñones State Forest one can appreciate the beautiful beaches, lagoons, swamps, dunes, and reefs that make up the seaboard. The trail runs just the beach and then into the

forest. You cannot bicycle for children and skate with baby seats.

#### Kayak tours

You can enjoy the natural beauty that offers Laguna Torrecilla. You can kayak through mangrove channels and observe the richness of the natural resources in an area.

#### Shows

There are workshops on the Puerto Rican musical roots *boricua* or *plena* that give you the opportunity to get to know our African heritage in Puerto Rican culture and music.

For more information, please call 787-381-0700.



**Beefle:** This Municipality is also the Capital of Dairy.

## A real life Farm Visit

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It has been said that half of those Facebook fever dedicate themselves to popular applications. It seems that Facebook users now win prizes for their crops, on their harvests. It is a complete virtual tour out here of cyberspace or of sitting for a screen there are many options when it comes and even interact with nature about nurseries, farms and harvests, production.

At Huello, also known as the Puerto Rico Cattle del Mar Dairy Farm, a place where groups take them on a tour, and see production and other processes are seen.

Just by calling Huello Agricultural 280-6060, visitors are able to see an agronomist Carlos Saez, who is in charge of the

visiting an introductory video there, and visitors learn general facts on the cow, the benefits of milk, and the including how they reproduce. Saez, as the farm owned by Gustavo Toledo, a cow for milking, for a total production of 100,000 liters of milk during the higher performance period, 6 months of December and April. The most interesting during the tour that a farm disinfection of the udders to the machinery. The young cows are kept in a pen and cared for until they reach the

Altogether, the tour could last 90 minutes, the talk by the agronomist. The Huello Tourism Dept also coordinate tours for Cattle del Mar guide service. In the case of large group trolley transportation services.

