

WELCOME TO THE **SAN JUAN** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful San Juan experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner the leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.

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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING AT THE HACIENDA DON CARMELO

For a lavish reception or dinner event for up to 340 delegates, take a beautiful hacienda surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. Add handsome Paso Fino horses with regal names like Princesa de Carabalí (Carabalí Princess), decked out in gilded saddles and velvet blankets. Top them with professional riders wearing 18th century uniforms complete with tri-cornered hats and coats with lavish red trim. Watch as horses and riders execute steps and movements that resemble ballet and re-create the time of the Spanish caballeros in all their skill and finery. Listen to the background music of composer Angel 'Cuco' Pena with a backdrop beautifully lit by Fernando Aguilú. Be transported to another time...

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HOLD A RECEPTION AT GALERIA SAN JUAN

Built in the 1600s, Galeria San Juan is the oldest residential structure in Old San Juan. It is also the perfect venue for a meeting, reception or dinner event.

Once the officers' quarters for the Spanish Artillery, Galeria is located midway between Fort San Cristobal and Fort El Morro on Old San Juan's highest hill. Completely restored by its present owners, the beautiful colonial architecture features open arches and original asubo wood beams further enhanced by lush tropical gardens and trickling fountains. It stands as living testimony to almost four centuries of political and cultural prominence. You can choose to host a more intimate event for as few as 10 delegates, or, for larger, more formal occasions, the venue can easily cater for up to 300 delegates.

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GALERIA SAN JUAN

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A TASTE OF PUERTO RICO WITH PERLA SOFIA CURBELO

For an interesting interlude from your meeting, delegates will enjoy this refreshing talk on the history of Puerto Rican coffee.

Local coffee expert, Perla Sofia Curbelo will explore the traits that distinguish one type of bean from another; explaining the general characteristics of coffee, and highlighting the aspects that make our coffee so prized. She will also focus on the coffee industry in Puerto Rico, productions, brands and modern forms of distribution.

Perla Sofia Curbelo is an investigative journalist, and radio host. She has long been a supporter of local farmers and recently launched Café Plus – the first magazine dedicated to coffee.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to taste freshly brewed genuine Puerto Rican coffee and take a sample away with them.

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COFFEE MASTERCLASS

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PUERTO RICO'S HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF HER ARTISTS

In this fascinating talk, distinguished historian and Doctor of Philosophy at the Interamericana University of Puerto Rico, Isaura Diaz Pagan will take your delegates on a riveting tour of Puerto Rican history and culture through the eyes of its most famous and beloved painters.

Discover the island during the 1950s as seen by the artists who lived and worked here – Rafael Tufiño, Felix Rodriguez and Julio Rosado del Valle to name a few. Have fun spotting the signs of the times depicted in their artwork.

Isaura Diaz Pagan is the first professor to describe social history through the interpretation of art. Delegates will be given a small memento of Puerto Rico to take home with them.

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PUERTO RICAN ART

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GET CREATIVE AND HELP LOCAL CHILDREN

In this fun team-building event, delegates can put their creative skills to the test and help local needy children at the same time.

The challenge is to create hand-sewn stuffed fabric dolls in vibrant tropical colours. Once made the dolls will be donated to diabetic children in local hospitals through the charity, Fundación de Diabetes Pedriatico. This is a fantastic way to boost team morale and give your delegates a happy memory of their time in Puerto Rico.

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FUNDACIÓN CANCER PEDRIATICO

Every year, thousands of individuals trim, shave, and crop their locks in order to make a hair donation to cancer patients. This a great way to help different organizations provide free or low cost wigs and hairpieces to individuals with cancer.

Delegates will be split into groups to compete in a hair-cutting contest in aid of the Children's Pediatric Cancer Society. The group that collects the most hair in terms of length wins. All the hair will be used to create wigs for young cancer patients. Donated hair must be at least 8 inches long and can be any colour, as long it is healthy and undamaged.

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DONATE HAIR FOR CHILDREN

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REVEALING RAIN FOREST

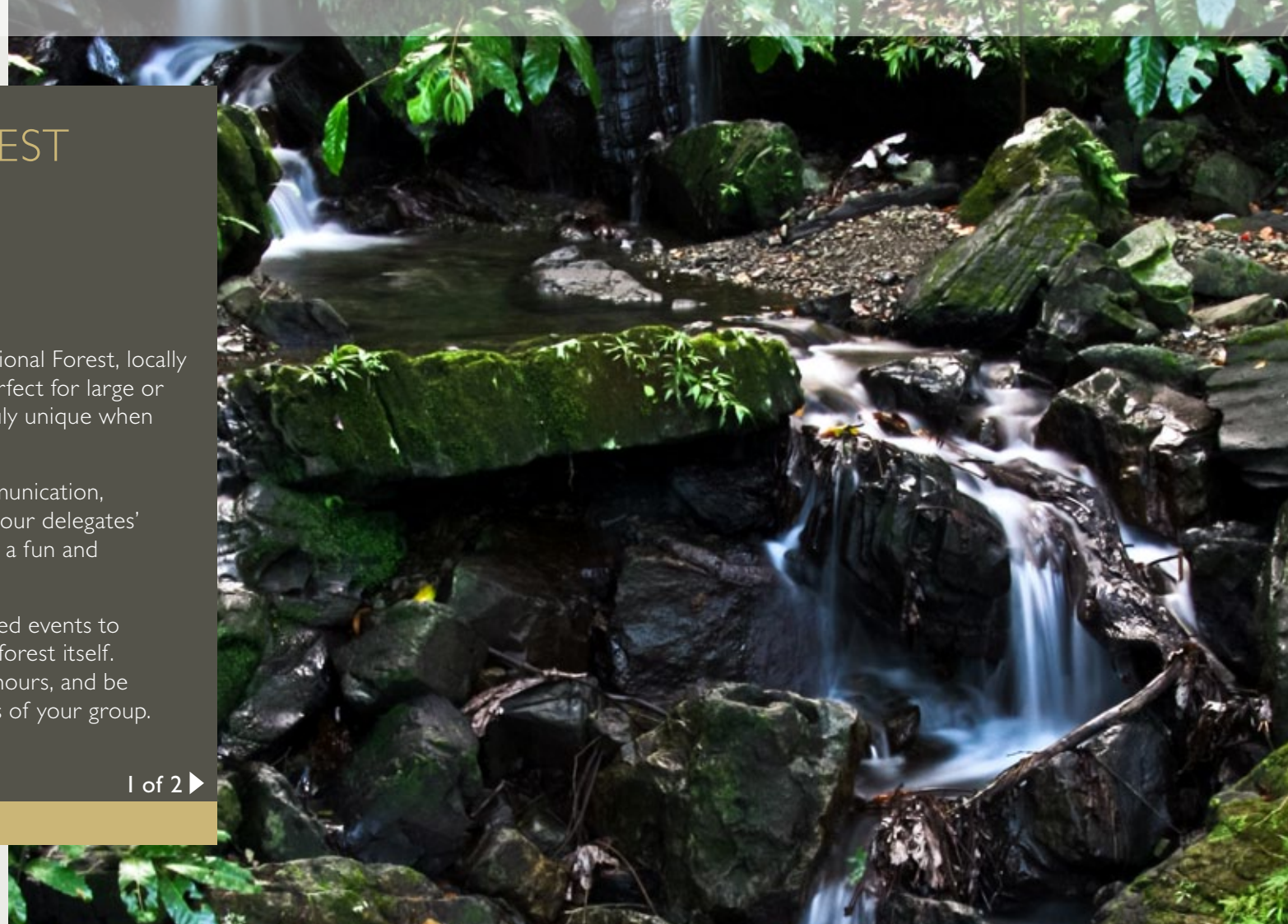
Located on the outskirts of the Caribbean National Forest, locally known as El Yunque, Revealing Rainforest is perfect for large or small intimate groups looking for something truly unique when they come to Puerto Rico.

Team-building activities foster teamwork, communication, problem solving, and camaraderie to improve your delegates' productivity. They are also guaranteed to enjoy a fun and memorable experience.

Revealing Rainforest offers a selection of themed events to choose from, all of which take place in the rainforest itself. Each event can last anything from two to four hours, and be designed to fit the particular needs or interests of your group.

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EL YUNQUE

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APPLAUSE! CARIBBEAN STYLE

Give your team and yourself Applause! As the Olympic anthem plays in the background, you can't help but feel the intensity of the moment. You have trained all your professional career to be here, you know that in order to successfully achieve your team's goals and objectives you must dig deep and muster all your energy because this is your shot to 'GO FOR GOLD!'

Problem solving skills, lateral thinking and a sense of humor are all required to overcome challenges designed to stress the value of effective communication, leadership skills, quality and sharing a common vision.

Board a motor coach through rolling hills to the easternmost point of the island, then set sail on a catamaran to a deserted beach island where the fun and games begin.

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TEAMBUILDING GAMES

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EL TAÍNO BREAK

Find out how the Taino Indians were the first inhabitants of the Island and why Puerto Rico was once called Borikén until Christopher Columbus arrived. Then, discover for yourself the three cultures that blended together to become one proud 'Boricua'.

Enjoy freshly brewed Puerto Rican Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, typical tropical fruit shots of Papaya, Orange, Acerola, Mango and Melón. Accompanied by fresh pastries like the Quesitos, Mini Mallorcas and Marallo Manposteo; also try the Mazamorra (Corn and Coconut Cereal).

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COFFEE AND CULTURE

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LA ROGATIVA BREAK

According to a popular Puerto Rican legend, British troops were besieging San Juan, Puerto Rico on the night of April 30, 1797. The townswomen, led by a bishop, formed a rogativa (prayer procession) and marched through the streets of the city singing hymns and carrying torches while praying for the deliverance of the city.

Outside the walls, the invaders mistook the torch-lit movement for the arrival of Spanish reinforcements. When morning came, they were gone from the island and the city was saved from a possible invasion. Four statues, sculptured by Lindsay Daen in the Plazuela de la Rogativa (Rogativa Plaza) in Old San Juan, pay tribute to the bishop and townswomen who participated in La Rogativa

Enjoy freshly brewed Puerto Rican Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, accompanied by delightful confectionery including Brazo Gitano, Polvorones, Fresh Tropical Fruit 'Limbers', Queso Blanco with Guava Cubes, Coquito Individual Cheese Cake.

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Contact us to learn more about the San Juan Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavor.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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