

To Paradise Villa's & Vacations December Guests Links to some great restaurants in Puerto Rico

RESTAURANTS AND EATERIES

These are just a few possibilities. Other restaurants include Turkish, Mediterranean, Italian, and more.

★ = RECOMMENDED BY LAKESIDE VILLAS

Puerto Ricans are not "breakfast people" - if you are, your best bet in El Condado is McDonald's or Country Kitchen in Isla Verde. If you wander around on your own, you will not find as many choices for breakfast as you will in the States. You may like Puerto Rican coffee if you like your coffee strong. If you visit with a local and they bring food to try, please try it. Your host will be offended if you refuse food.

IN DORADO:

- **Grappa (BYOB) ★**
+1-787-796-2674 Italian. Avant-garde Italian restaurant serving freshly made pastas and entrees that make your mouth water. Top off your meal with a to-die-for dessert and glass of house wine. With only ten tables, reservations are a good idea. Located a block from the main square, this renovated house is a gem. Tiny, but delicious Hours: 6:30pm-11pm Wed to Sunday.

Let Omar know we sent you here! With "CODE ALMA" you will enjoy a delicious free dessert with your meal for two. [Bring your own Beer]

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g147322-d1655718-Reviews-Grappa-Dorado_Puerto_Rico.html

- **Green House Café (Criollo)** [Our guests have given this eatery mixed reviews]
Presentation is key at Green House Café. The interior décor and plate presentation are noteworthy, as is the taste of the food. A little high priced for an average dinner, but worth every penny for a special event. Located in the Costa de Oro shopping area.
Information: <http://www.infopaginas.com/page/PR/dorado/green-house-restaurant/10-296881.html>
Reviews: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g147322-d2067180-Reviews-Greenhouse_Cafe_Dorado-Dorado_Puerto_Rico.html
- **Pico Rico:** Take out
- **Pika:** Expensive but good weekend music
- **La Terraza**
http://www.tripadvisor.in/ShowUserReviews-g147322-d799121-r150354929-Restaurante_La_Terraza-Dorado_Puerto_Rico.html
- **L'Ami ★**
French <http://lamidubistro.com/>
Live music – please check the schedule
- **Metropol (Cuban/Puerto Rican)**
Latin standards are featured at this family-friendly establishment in Plaza Dorada (on the far end from the Starbucks). Locals and tourists alike frequent this restaurant for local favorites with a Cuban twist. Good food and service with city prices. Try the lunch specials for special prices. Information: <http://metropolrestaurant.com/metropol-restaurants.html>
Reviews: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/metropol-restaurant-and-bar-carolina>

- **Mana Deli is good breakfast place in Dorado • Plaza Dorado 787-796-7676**
Mana is where you can also find traditional Spanish food at a descent price. Their Grilled Cheese is excellent. The service is a little hit or miss – some of the staff are rude, but others are awesome. Some speak English, some don't. The desserts are fantastic and their breads are always hot and available. The salad assortment is great. Items like their Churrasco are very well prepared and their sandwiches are perfectly yummy. Coffee drinks and soups are to die for. Overall Mana is reliable and delish.

IN SAN JUAN:

- **Café Puerto Rico (Criollo)**
Delicious authentic Puerto Rican food. Located in Columbus Square (Plaza de Colon), a short walk from the docks and parking garages, this quaint restaurant is always hopping. The food and service are good and the prices are reasonable. Menu and information:
<http://www.cafepuertorico.com/intro.html> Reviews: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/cafe-puerto-rico-san-juan>
- **Pikayo**
+1-787-721-6194 billcook@caribe.net; On way to airport
Hours: Lunch: noon-3pm Tue-Sun; Dinner: 6pm-11pm Tue-Sat
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g147320-d793977-Reviews-Pikayo-San_Juan_Puerto_Rico.html
- **Budatai Restaurant (Asian Fusion)**
http://www.yelp.com/biz_photos/budatai-san-juan-3?select=0kSzPlkQatw9rDpUOWGaHA#XWFGA9iG7Qh2EzRcBcThPg
1056 Ashford Ave, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

IN OLD SAN JUAN:

- **Marmalade Restaurant**
 - American, Caribbean, Vegetarian, International, Fusion
 - 317 Fortaleza Street, San Juan 00901, Puerto Rico
 - This by far was my best dining experience. We ordered the four course tasting menu. You could order an appetizer, an intermediate, entree and dessert. The lobster risotto was great and the paella sushi rolls were delicious. The best part of the meal was the creme brûlée with the peanut brittle ice cream. I almost licked the bowl. Be prepared to drop at least \$150.00.
 - **Dining options:** Breakfast/Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, Reservations, Late Night, Dessert
 - **Dining style:** Casual Elegant
 - **Cross street:** Fortaleza Street
 - **Description:** Having traveled to over forty countries on five continents, and worked under six different Master chefs from France to Asia at restaurants such as Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons, La Contea in Piedmonte, and the legendary Le Cirque in Manhattan, Peter first achieved notoriety in Singapore where he was nominated as Asia's rising star Chef of the Year in 2003 as well as Hotel Magazine and Villeroy & Boch naming his restaurant Blu as one of the ten best hotel restaurants in the world the same year. Marmalade is a new world blend of, seasonal, refreshing, ingredient driven Napa Valley cuisine grounded with classical techniques globally recognized as Californian-French or Cuisine de Terre. The food that reached "Conde Nast Top 100", The James Beard House and has been in over forty publications world wide, including the cover of Wine and Dine..... Experience it..... pure... unique... taste...nightly, in a glass & on a plate • 787-724-3969
- **Old Harbor Brewery (Seafood and more)**
This is the only microbrewery on the island. It offers a wider variety of food and of course, beer. It's only about a block up from the docks so easily accessible from the parking garages. Menu items are sold a la carte it can be a little pricy overall, but the atmosphere and quality of beer make up for it. Menu: <http://oldharborbrewery.com/> Reviews: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/old-harbor-brewery-san-juan>

- **Dragonfly (Asian, Caribbean, Puerto Rican)** (Good for Romance and the Bar Scene)
 - Dragonfly is a very trendy, lounge-style restaurant located in Old San Juan.
 - Only half a block walk from the parking garages and docks, many tourists and locals frequent this locale. This is one of the more expensive options in Old San Juan, but if you're looking for a cool Latin experience, this is the place.
 - Menu: <http://www.oofrestaurants.com/>
 - Reviews: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g147320-d799457-Reviews-Dragonfly-San_Juan_Puerto_Rico.html <http://www.yelp.com/biz/dragonfly-san-juan-2>
 - +1-787-977-3886; Hours: 6pm-11pm Tue-Wed; 6pm-midnight Tue-Sat
 - <http://www.funtouristattractions.com/a/dragonfly-restaurant-puerto-rico/3330>
 - 364 Calle Fortaleza, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, San Juan 00901, Puerto Rico
 - We love this restaurant!! Has a flavorful menu of tapas, drinks are very well served and a has a very nice environment. Soft light, good music and nice decor. We love the rice, skirt steak, and the sushi.
- **La Fonda del Jibarito (Criollo)**
Hands down, the best home-style restaurant in Old San Juan! If you're looking for an authentically Puerto Rican experience, follow the cobble stone streets a little further from the docks to 208 Calle Sol. This casual dining restaurant features delectable local cuisine ordered from hand-written menus. Sit back and enjoy the local artwork and ambience of San Juan. Menu: their website is currently being updated so is unavailable Reviews: http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g147320-d904703-r149135957-El_Jibarito-San_Juan_Puerto_Rico.html
- **La Madre (Mexican)**)
This hip Mexican restaurant is a true find in Old San Juan. The new-age style mixed with old world flavor distinguishes this restaurant. La Madre also features a wide variety of tropical fruit-flavored margaritas. And the prices can't be beat! Reviews: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/la-madre-san-juan>
- **Parrot Club – San Juan**
+1-787-725-7370 American/Caribbean, Local Traditional
Hours: 11:30am-3pm Mon-Sat; noon-4pm Sun.; 6pm-midnight Mon- Sat; 6:30pm-10pm Sun
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g147320-d786715-Reviews-The_Parrot_Club_San_Juan_PuertoRico.html
- **La Cucina di Ivo – Ristorante Italiano** (Ivo Bignami – Owner)
787-729-7070 www.lacucinadiivo.com
Calle Cristo 202 Viejo San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901. Has "Certificate of Excellence". Good for romance and special occasions. Located in a beautiful courtyard in Old San Juan. Food is fresh, and service is very good.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW! BON APPÉTIT!