



Tour Name

Beyond the Beach: History & Culture of Puerto Plata

Tour City

Puerto Plata

Tour Snapshot

Spend a morning away from your sun lounger and discover the real Puerto Plata! Once a hub for pirates and explorers, the area holds rich culture and history, and you'll love discovering it with us. We'll explore the market, visit a gallery and the local museum, learn a little about voodoo, stroll through a local neighbourhood and enjoy a freshly prepared traditional lunch with a local family. If you're looking to immerse yourself in local culture and get a better understanding of the island and its people, this is the tour for you!

Highlights

- Explore the fascinating history and culture of Puerto Plata on a walking tour with a local guide
- Discover the ingredients that make up the unique flavour of Dominican seasoning at the farmers' market
- Learn about the popular religion of Dominican voodoo, visit the local museum and admire the island's exceptional handicrafts at a community gallery
- Visit a local neighbourhood off the tourist trail and find out what everyday life is like in Puerto Plata

- Enjoy a traditional lunch with a friendly local family and snack on the locals' favourite street food, too!

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, one bottle of water, artisan ice cream, Luperon Museum entrance fee, one chulito (yucca ball stuffed with cheese or meat), a Dominican-style lunch and one beer.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide. We can also provide pick-up for an additional fee from Playa Dorada, Costambar and Puerto Plata city hotels. Please contact us after booking for rates.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:
In front of Puerto Plata Urban Adventures. Avenida General Gregorio Luperón, Puerto Plata 57000
Look for your UA branded guide in a red polo shirt
View on [Google Maps](#).
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: <///topics.cheering.tactical>
- Starting time: 9.00 AM
- Ending point:
Urban Adventures office. Ave. General Luperon, In front of Acapulco Beach.
View on [Google Maps](#).

Full Itinerary

One of the best ways to get to know any city is to visit its most popular market. So that's what we'll do first on your tour of Puerto Plata. This colourful and noisy place proudly displays the best of Dominican traditions. Here we'll learn about the exotic fruits and vegetables that grow on the island, the traditional seasonings that are used by locals to give flavour to their dishes and about the raw tobacco that's been cultivated here for centuries.

Next up, we'll admire the island's handicraft credentials at a traditional gallery and you will see jewellery crafted from our national stone, Larimar, which is unique to the Dominican Republic. This is a great stop for a spot of authentic souvenir shopping should you wish to indulge yourself.

We will then move on to discover the religions of our country with a visit to a popular local church. We'll discuss the continuing practice of the voodoo religion, as well as other religions that were imported from Europe centuries ago.

Next, we'll get off the tourist trail and take a stroll amongst the locals to explore hidden alleys that hide the true spirit and lifestyle of Puerto Plata. As we walk, you'll see the local cemetery where many important people have been buried since its inception in 1800. You'll also see the traditional barbershops, street food stalls that locals love and, in the old market neighbourhood, you'll learn many unique things about Puerto Plata from your local, expert guide.

We'll eat a *chulito*, a deliciously savoury fried treat made with yucca (cassava) that locals just love and you will too!

From here we'll walk to the historical district, learning about the Victorian-style houses that dot the streets and admiring the typically Caribbean buildings with their bright colours — very Instagram-worthy!

Then we'll enjoy a refreshing artisanal ice cream at the main square with the pigeons, underneath the beautiful Victorian gazebo symbol of our fair city.

From here we are going to visit the Gregorio Luperon Museum, where you will learn about the everyday lives of the families who lived here 200 years ago, from the point of view of one of our national heroes and former presidents.

After working up an appetite exploring the city and learning about local life in Puerto Plata, we'll end our tour on a tasty high, with a mouth-watering lunch of traditional local dishes at the home of a local family. Here you will try some specialities of the island, get to know a local family and reflect on everything you have learned during your action-packed morning.

You have definitely earned the right to lounge on your sun lounger this afternoon but if you do want to continue your exploration of the area, don't forget to ask your local guide for tips on what else there is to see, do and eat in Puerto Plata.

Additional information

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Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: In the unlikely event of any of our stops being closed, we will visit a similar place or spend longer at one of our other stops.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

Dietary Notes

We can accommodate vegetarians and other dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary requests. You can do so in the 'Additional information' box at checkout, or by emailing us at info@puertoplataurbanadventures.com.

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