

THINGS TO DO...

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There are many things to do in Rincon and the surrounding areas. We have provided the following list of our past guest's favorite businesses as a service to you. It certainly is not an all inclusive list, but is meant to be a starting point and to be used as a guide. You may also want to check out some of the following web sites for additional information about Rincon and surrounding areas: <http://elcoquiofrincon.com>, www.rincon.org, www.elyunque.com, www.rincon-pr.com, www.puertorico.com, and www.seepuertorico.com. It is always a good idea to call to make sure they are still open, and check the hours of operation, get directions, etc.

BICYCLING

Capital Water Sports Bike rentals \$35 per day Located by the public beach phone (787) 823-2789

DAY TRIPS

See the separate **Day Trip** information section of this guidebook

EXERCISE/YOGA/PILATES

Beside walking or running on the beach, on highway 115 there is a large stadium and free public sports center with gym, kickboxing/dancing/aerobics classes. It has a large running track, an indoor volleyball/basketball court and four tennis courts. All facilities are free to visitors.

Pilates, Stretch, and Yoga - www.lapazrincon.com

GAMBLING

Mayaguez Holiday Inn, On Route 2 Phone: 787-831-1100

Mayaguez Resort & Casino Also on Route 2 Phone: 787-832-3030

FISHING, SNORKELING, DIVE CHARTERS

Taino Divers Located in the marina next to Black Eagle. Recommended by many guests. Scuba diving, snorkeling, sunset cruises, plus private trips. www.tainodivers.com Phone 787-823-6429

Makaira Fishing Charters Captain Jose Pepi Alfonso, speaks English (has a nice boat, fishing only) Phone 787-823-4391 or 787-299-7374

Light Tackle Adventure Fishing Adventures plus other services: kayak trips, bird watching skin diving and hiking Call for more information: 787-849-1420 or 787-547-7380

Capital Water Sports - Rentals, various water excursions, lessons ranging from surfing to sailing For more information: call 787-823-2789 or 787-344-5665 or cell 787-203-2394

Fishing & Dive Spots

Desecheo Island - see one of the best reefs in the world! (according to *Reef Keeper's International Report*) Charter a boat to go 15 miles offshore, for a snorkeling, fishing and /or diving experience you will never forget. Crystal clear water, 20'- 40' deep, visibility is typically 100-200 feet, yet

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virtually unknown as a dive destination. Beautiful tropical fish, rock and coral formations, caves, swim through underwater arches...do it!

Mona Island - This is a major trip and NOT for the faint of heart. You should be prepared to "rough it". There are no bathrooms, or any place to plug in your blow dryer! It is a very rough and hostile nature refuge, reachable by a chartered boat (or by plane?) The sea trip takes about 3 hours, normally through some of the roughest waters in the Caribbean. Temperatures can soar to 110 degrees and the island is covered with dense thorn bushes and poisonous plants. Lodging is "bring your own", or you might be able to stay in a rustic cabin, (if you know a park ranger or a biologist). The island was originally home to the Taino Indians. It is dubbed the "Galapagos of the Caribbean. Mona Island means *Monkey Island* in English, but instead of monkeys, it is home to 4 foot long iguanas, the endangered hawksbill turtle, pigs, goats, several types of deadly scorpions, seabirds, many colorful fish, and over 50 species of spiders. The island is 7 miles by 4 miles and has over 200 caves, cliffs, and many pristine, unspoiled coral reefs. It was used in the past as a stopping point for pirates, including the infamous Captain Kidd. Legend has it there is lots of buried treasure that has never been found. Call the Department Natural Resources @ 787-724-8774 before you go. You must have special permit (last know price was \$4) to go. See our section "**Day Trips**", or some of the charters listed below for more information on Mona island.

HIKING/ZIPLINE/RAPPELLING ADVENTURES

Try rock climbing, hiking, and ride a zip-line through the tropical rain forest.

Acampa Nature Adventures www.acampapr.com or call Sepulveda 787-706-0695

Canopy Tour www.canopytourpr.com 787-789-1598 or 787-444-0110

Rocaliza www.rocaliza.com 787-268-0101 or 787-409-5444

Batey Zipline Adventures 787-484-3860

HORSEBACK RIDING

Portrero Acosta, 787-464-0410 on Route 115 near (or in) Anasco, is fantastic. The horses are well cared for, and you can really ride the beach with a guide at your side - unlike some others that do the "slow pony express".

Pintos R Us Trail Rides - email: pintosrus@yahoo.com web: www.pintosrus.com Horseback Riding has become available in Rincon since the beginning of 2002. They ride along sections of beautiful beaches and mountainous trail. Call Julie Saunders 787-516-7090 in advance to set up to ride and for current pricing. 24 hour notice is best or longer if you have a larger group and are going in high season.

Tropical Trail Rides has been around for a long time and they do a great job. You can call them at 787-872-9256 for reservations and availability. It is a little drive, but worth it. They offer two rides daily at 9am and 4pm. They have 33 horses and have been in business for 10 years. Must be guaranteed by credit card. They take you along Jobos beach, just past Ramey base in Aguadilla. At the half point of the ride there is an area for cave exploration or simply enjoyment of the beautiful beach.

ICE SKATING

Yes, ice skating in Puerto Rico! For those that want to cool off, it is a short drive away to Aguadilla

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Ice Skating Arena. State-of-the-art arena provides a year round respite from the tropical heat. A shop on site provides sales and rentals. Call for hours and directions 787-819-5555

MASSAGE

For a relaxing massage, call one of the people listed below. Most will come over to the house. Please help us keep this list current by let us know if you someone is no longer available, or if you find someone else that should be added. What a great way to enjoy your vacation!

Elva Bonet, certified masseuse, call 787-464-2565 (our favorite)

Jeff Sinclair call 787-421-4664 <http://rinconmassage.com> Nationally certified

Gina Miken Exhale Massage 787-406-8061 Bilingual

Rincon Sports Massage - Cynthia Calvin cell 787-431-4216 www.rinconsportsmassage.com or email rinconsportsmassage@gmail.com

Vivienne Miranda de Albarracin - 787-315-9697 CMT; Pre and Peri Natal plus Swedish, Shiatsu and Deep Tissue

Allison West 404-668-7456 <http://www.rinconevents.com/about-us.php> for recommendations

Lorianne 787-420-3642 Massage Therapist

MOTORCYCLE RIDING

www.rentaharleypr.com Ride a Harley in the most beautiful island of the Caribbean. Call 787-720-0897 or 787-272-5139. Large selection located in San Juan.

MOVIE THEATERS

Mayaguez

There are three close theaters with the closest one being next to Kmart, Pep boys, Home Depot, etc. on highway 2. There is another one at the Mayaguez Mall, and another by the University next to the Pueblo grocery store

Aguadilla

At the Mall, just off highway 2, where Kmart is located

PARASAILING

Flying Fish Parasail at 787-823-2fly (2359) operates in Rincon off 413 at the Black Eagle Marina. Safe, easy and Fun for all ages, shapes and sizes

SAILING

Katarina Sail Charters - Relax, set sail and experience Rincon from a whole new perspective. Sail, snorkel, swim, relax. Also sunset cruises. www.sailrinconpuertorico.com 787-823-SAIL

Rincon Sailing - www.rinconailing.com Private and group lessens All skill levels. call 787-421-4700

SHOPPING

Plaza Las Americas

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In Hato Rey (outside San Juan) just off highway 22. It is the largest Mall in the Caribbean and on the island. People come from all the neighboring islands to shop there. If you like large malls and love to shop, this is the one!

Mayaguez Mall

Second largest in the Caribbean and Puerto Rico. Stores include: Sears, JCPenney, Wal-Mart, Marshalls, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, plus many other stores. Take Hwy 2, through Mayaguez. Mall is on left side and is about 25 miles from Rincon.

Aguadilla Mall

Take Road 115 right (north) to Hwy 2, go left a few miles. After you pass Western Auto, the Mall is up the mountain on the right. K-Mart and Amigo Grocery are located here.

Sam's Club/K-Mart/Home Depot/ETC

Take 115 right to Hwy 2. Turn right on Hwy towards Mayaguez. About 1mile past turn off to Mayaguez local airport.

Also see: Surf/Clothing Shops - Plus there are numerous other malls across the island

SKY DIVING

Imagine falling from the heavens over the mountains and turquoise seas. Truly unforgettable! Call Xtreme Divers in Arecibo 787-852-5757. For more information and personalized help see the owner, Dennis at Pools Beach Cabanas. He has done this many times and has helped many beginners with all their questions. 787-823-8135

SURFING

Is a major activity in Rincon, and has attracted surfers from around the continent since the World Surfing Championships were first hosted in 1968. The lay of the land on Puerto Rico's northwest coast is ideal for creating big waves. Cold fronts off the East coast of the US create swells that head down towards the Caribbean, where they run straight into Rincon. Southeast trade winds also help give the waves the smooth shape, which is so important for surfing.

Favorite surfing spots

Tres palmas, Dogman's, Indicators, Marias, Dome's.

-*Dome's* is one of the more consistent spots --- it usually always has a few ride-able waves, and is one of the more crowded spots in Puerto Rico.

-*Tres Plamas* is the place for big waves, with waves breaking outside up to 30 feet without losing their shape, earning it the nickname "Puerto Rico's Wiamea.

Surf Schools/Rentals

www.rinconsurfschool.com *Rincon Surf School* Phone 787-823-0610 Professional surf instruction

www.surf787.com call 787-448-0968 Bi-lingual, Private to group rates. Boards available to rent

www.westcoastsurf.com 787-823-3935 Lessens and board rentals. downtown Rincon

www.puntassurfschool.com *Puntas Surf School* nice, comes recommended by a friend call Melissa at 787-823-3618 or cell 207-251-1164 currently only female instructor in Rincon

www.puertoricosurfinginfo.com Sales, Rentals, Lessens and guided tours 878-823-5692 or cell 787-214-7224 Surf boards and stand up paddle boards

Good spots to watch

- *Besides the Point* is one of the best. You can have a cold beer and something good to eat at the

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same time if the kitchen is open.

- *Calypso* is a great spot. Besides the surfers, in the evening you can also watch the sunset.

Surf/Clothing Shops

- *Desecheo Surf/Dive Shop* 787-823-0390 all your surf and diving needs. Clothing, snorkel and surf board rentals. Also surf lessons available Next to *Calypso Café* at Maria's beach

- *Malibu Surf Shop* 787-823-2552 down from Cowabunga on 115

- *Surf Town Surf Shop* 787-823-2515 South of the plaza downtown Rincon

- *El Rincon Beach Shop*, 787-890-3108 Ramey Shopping Center in Aguadilla

- *West Coast Surf Shops*, 787-823-3935 East of the plaza downtown Rincon (most well known)

- *Maria's Hot Wavz Surf Shop* 787-823-3742 by *Calypso Cafe* & the Lighthouse

- *Jobos Beach & Hang Loose Surf Shop* 787-872-2490 by Aguadilla. They also give lessons

SNORKELING

If you did not bring gear, you can rent snorkeling gear at *West Coast Surf Shop* 787-823-3935, or try Boarding House Surf school and Beach Rentals 787-823-4191. Also, depends on how much you are going to use them, you can normally buy some good inexpensive gear at K-Mart or Wal-Mart in Mayaguez.

Depending on the day, there can be good snorkeling right outside the house. On some days it is real calm and clear, you can see lots of fish, and some coral is developing. There are two strips of rock that run parallel to shore. The first one is real close and the other a little further out. The fish hang out just by this rock ledge. Be careful at the edge of the ledge. There could be some sea urchins. Some of the best snorkeling is at "Steps". It is on 413 (the road to the lighthouse) There is a small paved road that runs between two open fields (lot of the time filled with tall weeds). The road is not marked and you may want to ask Gladys, our manager. You park your car at the end and walk to the beach. You will then know why they call it "steps". The entire area from the Black Eagle Restaurant all along the coast to the lighthouse contains fabulous underwater sights. Lots of Elkhorn coral, with also brain coral, sea fans, colorful tropical fish... its all there. Because of the recent hurricane and other factors, it has not been as colorful as in the past, but it is right off the shore and it's something you don't want to miss.

TENNIS

La Cancha Del Ciero Route 115 Km. 5.6 Anasco (Unbelievable views while you play tennis) Phone 787-823-1466

Rincon's Public Recreation Center - at the corner of 115 and 429. A baseball stadium, 6 tennis courts and a running track. No charge to use this facility.

TRIATHLON

Rincon is home of one of the island best triathlons. Normally held in June, for more details

www.trialoderincon.com/english.html

WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT RENTALS

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Coconut Water Sports_KAYAKS/JETSKI/BANANA BOAT RIDE/BOOGIE BOARDS/BOAT RIDES,
fifteen min. walk down beach (facing ocean go right). (787)309-3928

Villa Antonio, KAYAKS, just a short walk down the beach. Go to the front desk call for pricing.
787-823-2645 or 787-823-3935

Capital Water Sports - Rentals, various water excursions, lessons ranging from surfing to sailing
For more information: call 787-823-2789 or 787-344-5665 or cell 787-203-2394

ZOO

Mayaguez Zoo, Highway 2, near the University (follow the signs) Phone: 787-834-8110