

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

Country:

Puerto Rico (PR)

Sex & Dating

- Machismo is less prevalent now but is still a part of everyday life, catcalling & harassment
- Predominantly Roman Catholic country
- Very social and communal culture

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Drinking in public is generally illegal
- Cannabis (marijuana) recreational use is illegal
 - Medicinal use is legal, but medicinal smoking is illegal

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- PR has legalized same-sex marriages
 - Stigmatized in many areas, especially in regards to trans rights
- San Juan has a few queer spaces, but rural areas typically are less tolerant
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 3 million
- Currency: USD
- Official Languages: Spanish and English
- "Usted" is expected in formal situations, communal situations use "tú"
- Common to greet others with a cheek kiss

Resources

911 Emergency / **787-343-2020** Police

+1 Country code

- International SOS
 - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
 - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: internationalsos.com
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): travel.state.gov



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